



Wreckage of the Libyan Boeing 727 seen in Sinai yesterday.

(David Rubinger)

## Wreckage strewn across 600 metres

By HIRSH GOODMAN  
Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

When one sees the wreckage of a Libyan Arab Airlines Boeing 727, it is hard to believe that even seven survivors of 113 persons aboard.

A trail of destruction lies 600 metres across the sandy wastes of the Sinai Desert, some 20 km. east of the Suez Canal. It is hard to believe that even seven survivors of 113 persons aboard.

A few plane sections which were held together were scorched flames. For hundreds of metres on either side of the wreckage, the paraphernalia of tourists' home life is scattered: Duty-free cigarettes and perfume, a travel guide to Libya, a doll, a nylon, and a brown bottle of Pepsi-Cola. It is said, miraculously intact, a curiosity and — admittedly — a suggestion that the major cause was caused by the plane's back engines which, after it broke free and forced through the passengers' cabin the cockpit, burning and smashing everything in its path.

Shortly before 3 p.m. yesterday, members of the army, aided by several soldiers, began to clear the bodies from the wreckage — an operation that took 20 hours. The 13 found alive removed within half an hour after the crash by Air Force helicopter. Six of them later died.

A difficult job of identifying the bodies is still proceeding. Most of the passengers have been found. The search of the wreckage for bullets proved futile. The tail section had two or three holes which

could have been caused by bullets, but one cannot be certain. One of the engine covers was also full of holes, but these probably were caused by flying pieces of metal after the engine exploded. One of the tyres had a distinct hole and this would seem to have been caused by a bullet.

The plane's fuselage was smashed into fragments, with a patch of green and white paint visible here and there. The cockpit is a mass of wires and broken panels. Only one chair — brown, with a falsey pattern — is in one piece. There is nothing else worth salvaging.

The soldiers guarding the plane were subdued. One of them told me he had seen plenty of death in his life — "but never anything like this." He had served in the Six Day War, and spent two-and-a-half years on the Suez Canal during the War of Attrition, but the clearing out operations he had been carrying out for the previous 20 hours were, he said, the "most terrible job of my life."

### Libyan co-pilot's wife arrives

LOD AIRPORT — The wife of the co-pilot of the Libyan airliner downed by Israeli aircraft in Sinai arrived here last night from Athens to see her injured husband. Mrs. Haya S. Theodoropolou, a Greek woman travelling on a Libyan passport, arrived aboard an Air France Boeing 727.

She left immediately for the Soroka Medical Centre in Beer-Sheva where her husband, Yonis el-Mehdi, is hospitalized with six other survivors of the crash (see story Page 2).

## Morocco sending troops to Syria

RABAT (AP) — Morocco's King Hassan announced yesterday he had decided to send troops and armaments to Syria starting next month. The King made the announcement in a nationwide radio and television speech.

The force of unspecified size would be chosen by picking volunteers, Hassan said.

Observers saw Hassan's surprise announcement as a move to consolidate the regime, shaken by two major coup attempts in two years, by gaining left-wing and Arab nationalist support through the overt support of Syria in the struggle with Israel.

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## Meir's visit to U.S. clouded by incident

By SAM LIPSE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON — The downing of the Libyan airliner Wednesday has clouded the public atmosphere surrounding the reception of Israel's Prime Minister, Golda Meir, when she arrives in the U.S. next week.

But American officials, while privately expressing dismay at the incident, do not expect it will influence the official exchanges between Mrs. Meir and President Nixon on the prospects for a Middle East settlement.

Israel's commando raid on terrorist bases in Lebanon, coming only two days before talks between American officials and Egypt's special envoy, Hafez Ismail, and only a week before Mrs. Meir's arrival has created rather more substantive concerns within the Nixon administration. Although the two incidents coincided, they are being viewed differently in Washington: Mrs. Meir can expect sharp questioning on the airliner affair from the Press during her visit, but in her official talks, the emphasis will be on the problems raised by the deep raids into Lebanese territory rather than the Boeing incident.

In their public statements, American officials are trying to avoid any condemnation of Israel for the downing of the Libyan airliner. Instead, they are emphasizing the human side of the incident, noting the heavy loss of life. At the State Department yesterday, the spokesman, Charles Bray, said Secretary of State William Rogers had telephoned Mr. Ismail in London on Wednesday to express his condolences. Mr. Bray strongly rejected suggestions that this was done to prevent cancellation of Mr. Ismail's visit to Washington, where he is scheduled to hold talks with President Nixon and Mr. Rogers today.

Asked if the Libyan airliner tragedy had "clouded" the forthcoming talks with Mr. Ismail and Mrs. Meir, Mr. Bray said that no such impression had been made at any official level. He said he would not put any construction on President Nixon's message of condolence to Libya on Wednesday, other than the desire to express sadness at the loss of life.

As for Mr. Ismail's visit, Mr. Bray said the U.S. still regarded it as part of a process in which views would be exchanged and negotiations might begin.

## LIAISON OFFICES FOR U.S., PEKING

WASHINGTON — The U.S. and Communist China will establish "liaison offices" in each other's capitals — a step just short of full diplomatic relations between the two nations, the State Department announced yesterday.

"The two sides agreed that the time was appropriate for accelerating the normalization of relations," Washington and Peking said in a joint communique that followed this week's visit to China by presidential envoy Henry Kissinger.

The announcement came on the first anniversary of President Nixon's arrival in Peking, a visit that chipped away 20 years of accumulated ice from relations between the two countries.

The function of the liaison offices was not spelled out in the announcement, but the communique

# Airliner incident won't harm peace hope — Dayan

## Hod: Plane movements 'suspicious'

By SRAYA SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV — Aluf Mordechai Hod, O.C. Air Force, said yesterday the decision to intercept the Libyan plane was made "at the highest military command level according to standard procedure in emergencies."

The pilots of the Phantoms which made the interception were in continuous contact with their superiors throughout the operation.

Aluf Hod said that the Libyan co-pilot, who is one of the survivors, told his investigators that the pilots understood perfectly well what was wanted from them, but resolved to try and escape "because of the situation between our countries."

The co-pilot is hurt and could not be interrogated too closely. Neither is it known whether the pilots were under pressure from somebody in the plane to cross into Israeli-held air space, he said.

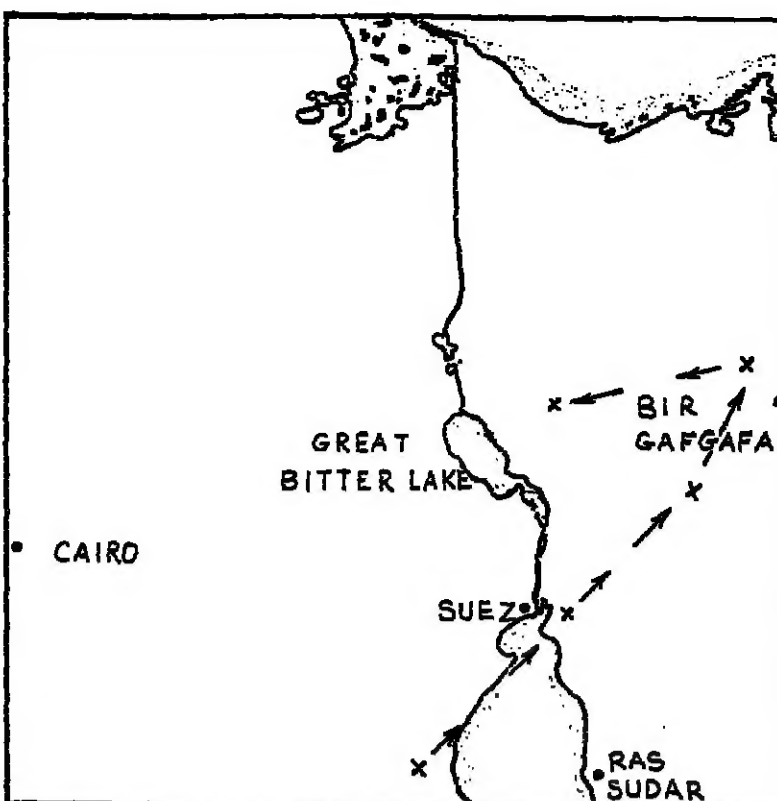
Aluf Hod said: "We intended to force the Libyan plane down and investigate whether the pilot was mistaken in taking the course from Port Suez to the northeast. However, the pilot ignored instructions and turned straight westwards to the Canal, even after the Phantoms fired warning shots. Then the plane was hit to damage its wings so that it could not fly much longer. It was then only that the Libyan Boeing 727 tried a forced landing, but failed."

Meeting the press at Beit Soker here, Aluf Hod said the Libyan plane appeared on Israeli radar at 1.55 p.m. on Wednesday, flying at 15,000 feet over "the most restricted area of the frontier, with most sensitive installations — flying over the area is strictly prohibited."

Two Phantoms were sent up to identify "this most suspicious plane" and force it down at the Bir Gafgafa airfield. The Phantoms reached the Boeing when it was 50 kms. west of the Suez Canal.

One of the pilots told the press he saw "very near the Boeing's cockpit, three or five metres perhaps, so that its pilot could see the signal I made with my hand to go down and turn back to the west."

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## Libyan plane's route

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

The Libyan Boeing 727 plane was detected by Israeli radar on Wednesday at 1.55 p.m. as it entered Israeli airspace at a point south of the town of Suez.

The two Israeli Air Force planes that intercepted the Libyan Boeing were sent up later. The Libyan plane entered Israeli airspace over Sinai at a point directly south of the town of Suez. It then headed in the direction of the large military base at Rafidim (Bir Gafgafa). The two Israeli Phantom planes began signaling the Libyan plane to follow them with internationally recognized identification and warning signals. At this point, the Libyan Boeing was already some 50 kms. inside Israeli-held territory, some

30 kms. south-west of Bir Gafgafa. From here, the intruding aircraft flew northwards, near Bir Gafgafa, where it lowered its landing gear, as if it were going to land at the Rafidim air force base.

At a point some 15 kms. north-west of Bir Gafgafa, when it was already 80 kms. inside Sinai, the Libyan plane suddenly veered west-south-west, heading towards the Suez Canal. Soon after the Boeing tried to head back to Egypt, at 2.07 p.m., the Israeli planes began firing warning shots into the air. When the Boeing's captain ignored these warnings, the Israeli pilots received orders to shoot to make the plane land. The Boeing's wings were hit, and the plane crash-landed at 2.11 p.m., 20 kms. east of the northern tip of the Great Bitter Lake.

## Egypt plays tape recording of 'pilot's words'

CAIRO (Reuters) — The last words of the French pilot of the Libyan airliner forced down by Israeli jets on Wednesday indicated that he had lost his way and strayed over Israeli-held Sinai because of instrument trouble, according to a tape played at a press conference here yesterday.

"I guess we have serious trouble with the headings (direction) and compass," Captain Jacques Bourges said in a radio conversation with Cairo International Airport. There was a pause. Then he said "We are shot, we are shot by the fighter, we are shot by the fighter."

Captain Bourges' words were played back at a crowded press conference yesterday from Egyptian civil aviation tape.

Earlier on the recording, the French pilot reported he was flying over Fayoum, 10 nautical miles southwest of Cairo. He was given permission to descend and was assigned runway 23 for his landing.

Then he said "We are having some problems. We have four Mig fighters just behind us."

The Director-General of aeronautics at the Egyptian aviation organization, Captain Hassan Selim, said the pilot was under the impression he was over Egypt and therefore believed the jets were Soviet-built Mig's rather than Israeli. In fact, Captain Selim said, the Libyan airliner had lost its way and was over the Sinai desert.

Dr. Mohamed Kader Hatem, deputy Premier and Information Minister, said the tape showed "beyond all doubt, Israel's determination against the Libyan civil aircraft." He declared: "This crime constitutes one of the most cowardly and

barbaric acts of violence that has ever happened."

Dr. Hatem said Libya's ruling Revolutionary Command Council was yesterday in continued session, discussing "the various aspects of the Israeli attack on the airliner."

Tripoli Radio said last night that Libya has asked the International Red Cross to provide it with a list of the names of the survivors, and to prepare them for departure as soon as their health permits.

The Libyan Revolutionary Command Council yesterday set up an inquiry commission and immediately sent it to Cairo.

Captain Selim said the Cairo airport control tower had no recording of any conversation between the Israeli fighters and the pilot of the Libyan airliner.

"If they have a tape of any conversation let the Israelis produce it," he said.

The Egyptians said that the Cairo

## Decision taken by military

By HIRSH GOODMAN

Jerusalem Post Military Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said last night that the decision to force the Libyan plane to land before it crossed into Egyptian territory "had no political significance whatsoever." He expressed the belief that the incident should have no effect on peace proposals in the Middle East.

The Minister called the incident a tragedy and expressed his sorrow over the loss of life. Mr. Dayan said that the decision to force the plane to land was taken at the military level — a decision which he thought was correct. He personally saw no need for a board of inquiry, but added that the Prime Minister could decide otherwise.

Mr. Dayan, addressing newsmen here, was at loss to explain why the pilot of the plane had decided to act in the manner he did. He hoped that once the "black box" had been found, or when the co-pilot had recovered sufficiently to give his version of the story, the pilot's "incomprehensible behaviour" would be clarified.

He said that if an Israeli pilot acted in a similar way, and somehow managed to return safely to Israel, he would be court-martialled. Israeli pilots have standing orders, he said, to follow orders from the military authorities when in enemy territory, and not to endanger the passengers. He hoped these orders would be enforced by all nations, so as to ensure that similar tragedies would be prevented in the future.

### HAD NO OPTION

The Defence Minister said that he for one could not say if any damage had been caused to the security of the state by the Libyan plane at the time it was forced to land. But the plane had behaved in a most suspicious manner over what is perhaps the most sensitive military area in the country, leaving the military authorities no option but to force the plane to land.

From the way the pilot behaved, he said, the only logical conclusion was that he had hostile intentions. Had the incident not happened over the Suez Canal, but over Lod Airport, things may have been different, he said.

Mr. Dayan assured an audience of some 300 newsmen representing all major international networks and newspapers that Israel would cooperate fully with the competent international bodies in clarifying the incident, and would place all technical assistance possible at the disposal of these organizations. Should the military attaches of any embassy in Israel wish to investigate the incident, they too would be granted all possible assistance.

Israel had not prepared for, and did not expect, any reprisal raids from the Arab countries over what happened, Mr. Dayan said.

He said that it was his personal conviction that Israel should not offer any compensation to the families of the deceased since the only one to blame was the captain of the aircraft — who through his irrational behaviour was responsible for the deaths of the passengers. "I see no reason at all why we should be placed in the position of the guilty party," he concluded.

### Bodies going to Egypt today

TEL AVIV — The bodies of 106 of the victims of the Libyan airliner will be handed over to Egypt today, a military spokesman said here last night.

The coffins are to be transferred at Kantara on the Suez Canal, together with personal belongings and aircraft equipment. The transfer will be made at noon, under the auspices of the International Red Cross, the spokesman added.

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## Plane tragedy in Sinai 'victory' for terrorists

Jerusalem Post Staff  
Expression of regret over the loss of innocent lives — and bewilderment over the inexplicable actions of the captain of the Libyan airliner — were voiced yesterday by Israeli leaders.

Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Gabbli expressed the profound grief of Israel's people and government over the Libyan plane crash. "This is a dreadful outcome of the situation of war and terrorism imposed on our country for many years," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

"It might be described as a kind of victory for the terrorists," Mr. Gabbli said, "whose criminal designs, especially of late, oblige us to a deepening and stringent alertness towards any aircraft penetrating sensitive military zones." The Minister made this statement after his interview with *The Post* (in today's *Weekend Magazine*), which was held before news of the Libyan plane crash was known.

Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren expressed his grief at the death of innocent civilians on the plane. He said human life was the supreme value in Jewish thinking, because every human being was moulded in the image of God.

Elisavinda Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, called the International Transport Workers' Federation to express "deep sorrow at the tragedy resulting from war tension." He added that he hoped the tragedy would serve to "stress the urgent need for peace in our war-torn region."

The president of the Israel Pilots' Union, Captain Yitzhak Shaked, said in a cable sent to the International Federation of Airline Pilot Associations (IFALPA) that he was "puzzled at the inexplicable actions of the Libyan aircraft captain."

But he assured the Federation that "any aircraft innocently entering Israeli airspace would be intercepted and directed to a safe landing, where crew and passengers would be treated according to international law."

Transport Minister Shimon Peres stressed at a Labour Party meeting in Beit Berl last night that the incident proved once more that a clear distinction must be made between civil aviation and the terror actions perpetrated by Arab organizations. "These actions have gained the support of several Arab states — including Libya," he said. He noted that the terrorists have recently threatened to crash a plane on one of the heavily populated urban centres in Israel, "in order to wreak havoc and destruction."

This fact had created a most depressing and difficult atmosphere, the Minister added. "There are international rules governing such incidents as occurred in Sinai on Wednesday, and they include the logic of the last resort — when the plane does not heed warnings and instructions."

In Tel Aviv, Rakhah (the New Communist List) yesterday sharply criticized the Army's commando operation against terrorist bases in Lebanon and the Libyan plane crash, tying them up together as "criminal acts of aggression."



The Libyan co-pilot, Yonis el-Mehdi, at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba yesterday.

## Seven survive Sinai crash 'Don't know why pilot ignored the signals'

By HERBERT BEN-ADI  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

**BEERSHEBA.** — A French steward — one of the seven survivors in the crash of the Libyan Boeing 727 in the Sinai desert Wednesday afternoon — told newsmen yesterday he did not know why the pilot had ignored the signals of the Israeli jets which intercepted the airliner.

Speaking from his hospital bed at the Soroka Medical Centre (formerly Negev Central Hospital), Jean-Pierre Burdat said about 15 minutes had passed between the first contact with the Israeli jets and the time he felt "two rockets" hit the plane.

"I was in the back of the plane," the grey-haired, 40-year-old steward said slowly and painfully, "and I didn't know what was happening. It was my understanding that the radio was functioning, but the compass was out of order."

Mr. Burdat said when the plane hit the ground "everything broke up. I found myself about 50 metres from the plane with a broken thigh. The plane was enveloped in flames and I started to crawl away from the debris. I didn't want to stay near the plane because I feared the wreckage might shift and I would be burned."

"When I was taken to the hospital, I didn't know what was happening to me; but here I am being treated excellently," the steward said. He added he had pains in the feet, stomach and head.

Two of the nine passengers and crew members evacuated alive from the wreckage died yesterday morning in hospital. Both of them were women. One was still unidentified; the other was a French stewardess, identified only as "Miss Jinxoux."

### SURVIVORS IDENTIFIED

The other six persons hospitalized were:

- Faisal Mohammed el-Shariya, an Egyptian, suffering from fractures and minor burns;
- Abdullah el-Khalili, a Jaffa-born Jordanian subject, severe burns;
- Fathi Abdullah el-Kom, a Libyan, severe burns.
- Assad Shukri Telhouni, said to be a former Libyan government minister. (Libyan state radio reported that Salah Boissier, former Foreign Minister, was among the 104 passengers who died in the crash);
- Yonis el-Mehdi, the Libyan co-pilot, minor burns and fractures.

The seventh patient, a man, was still unconscious and unidentified by late last night.

All seven injured are expected to recover, the hospital's director, Dr. Yosef Stora, said last night.

Co-pilot el-Mehdi was mumbling deliciously when newsmen approached his hospital bed. Interrupted from time to time by nurses giving him drinks, he said in broken English:

"They circle the plane and fired... they circle the plane... the radio was in order." Asked by this reporter why the pilot didn't land as instructed, he replied, "We were late."

The Egyptian passenger, el-Shariya, said: "The pilot, Captain Bourges (killed in the crash), was walking up and down the passenger compartment. I said, 'Captain, I see fighter planes.' He replied: 'Don't worry, they're ours.'"

Afterwards the passenger said he heard a "boom-boom." The plane was hit, and we crashed landed. I got out. Then I passed out."

Telhouni, the alleged former minister, refused to speak to newsmen. Recovering consciousness after abdominal surgery, he kept silent until one of the nurses addressed him in Arabic. He replied to her briefly, saying he had been to Nabulus in 1968. Then he fell silent again.

French Ambassador Francis Hure, and his wife yesterday morning visited the injured steward, Red Cross delegates arrived at the hospital in the afternoon and talked with the injured. Mr. Hure told *The Je-*

usalem Post that he had not pressed the steward with questions, since he had not come to interrogate him but to comfort him and to salute the other Frenchmen who had died on the plane.

Names of the French crew killed in the crash (in addition to the stewardess) were given by Air France sources in Tel Aviv yesterday as Captain Bourges, Flight Engineer Naudin and Steward Daverio. First names and home addresses were not known to the officials yesterday.

The total casualty figures as of last night were as follows: 100 passengers died instantaneously when the plane crashed; the 13 survivors were first taken to a field hospital at Bir Gafaga, where three more died; another passenger died on the way to the Soroka Hospital here, leaving nine; two more died after arrival in Beersheba.

## 'Security tight enough on El Al'

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Security measures on Israel's national airline, El Al, are already maximal; there is no need to tighten them, despite the threats voiced against Israel civil aviation in Arab capitals following the Sinai Libyan plane incident. This was stated to "Yim" here yesterday by aviation officials.

The sources said the high state of preparedness here and at El Al installations abroad would, of course, continue; but no operative changes were being planned. (Yim)

## Sapir returns from U.S. talks

**LOD AIRPORT.** — Israel's request for \$415m. in aid is being studied by U.S. experts, Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir said here last night on his return from the U.S., where he conferred with the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

Mr. Sapir reported that the reaction in the U.S. to the downing of the Libyan plane was "not encouraging or positive." He quoted American commentators as saying that "the plane incident will not be a positive contribution to the U.S. visit of Premier Golda Meir, next week." (Yim)

## Pincus dispels 'myth of pampered oleh'

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**  
**TEL AVIV.** — Jewish Agency chairman Arye L. Pincus yesterday came out against both "the myth of the pampered oleh" and the "over-reaction" of many Western immigrants when Israel reality did not live up to their expectations.

Mr. Pincus was speaking at the inaugural session of the luncheon club of the South African Zionist Federation at the Ambassador Hotel here. It was revealed that yesterday was the 25th anniversary of Mr. Pincus' own immigration to Israel from South Africa.

Mr. Pincus said he would speak to Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir to seek a revision of "recent bureaucratic arrangements" a reference to the current row over changes in customs duties for new immigrants. He also urged the Israel establishment "to stop presenting what is done for the new oleh as excessive for what a Jewish state should do."

The funeral of

## Hod: Suspicious movement

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airfield. But the pilot showed me with his hand that he wanted to go straight on. I repeated my gesture, he answered with his. After three attempts to make the Libyan pilot understand had failed, I flew before the Boeing and tipped my wings, which is the internationally accepted signal meaning "follow me." The Boeing put out its landing gear and began losing height."

Instead of following the Phantoms, however, the Boeing retracted its wheels and headed straight westwards, in the shortest line to the Suez Canal, picking up speed. "I again flew very close to the cockpit, so that the pilot could see me firing a gun. That should have convinced him that we meant business. He was obviously unimpressed. Whereupon I overflew him from behind firing diagonally so that the bullets flew just before the cockpit."

But the Boeing was obviously trying to escape. It was a minute flying time to the Canal. "Then I decided to force it down by hitting the wings in a way which would not permit it to fly far. I saw red flame with black smoke coming out of the right wing, a sign that a fuel tank was hit." The Boeing was flying at 1,500 feet.

Only then did the Boeing turn downwards to attempt a forced landing. "It was still heading straight to the west. The undercarriage was not pulled out. The terrain was a sandy plain. I believe the pilot was going to land safely. But he did not do too well. The plane caught fire as it hit the ground."

The pilot said he tried to see whether there were passengers on the Libyan plane, but "all the curtains were drawn, one couldn't see anyone."

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In deep sorrow, I announce the death of the radiologist  
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my best friend and associate for many years.  
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On the thirtieth day after the death of our beloved wife, mother, and grandmother  
**RIVKA SECHTER**  
nee Feldman  
a Memorial Service and Unveiling of the Tombstone will be held at the cemetery of Moshe Hibel Zion, Wednesday, February 28, at 4 p.m.  
We express our thanks to those who offered their sympathy and condolences.  
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On the first anniversary of the death of  
**Dr. F. L. MEZGER**  
A memorial assembly will be held at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv, on Monday, February 26, 1973, at 6 p.m.  
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On the anniversary of the death of the Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office,  
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**ISRAEL KARU**  
will take place today, Friday, February 23, 1973, and will leave from the house of the deceased, 36 Rehov Be'eri, Tel Aviv, at 10.30 a.m. for the Kiryat Shaul Cemetery.  
Those wishing to pay last respects will be able to pass by his coffin in the open space in front of his house from 10 a.m.  
Transport will be available for the mourners.  
All RASSCO offices will be closed today.

## THE WEATHER

Forecast: Partly cloudy with local rain, mainly in the north.  
Outlook for Saturday: Partly cloudy.  
Yesterday's Temperature: Today's Forecast

Station	Min.	Max.	Forecast
Jerusalem	8-10	14-16	10-14
Golan	5-7	10-13	7-10
Nahariya	7-9	12-15	9-12
Safed	6-8	11-14	8-11
Haifa Port	8-10	13-16	10-13
Tiberias	4-6	11-14	6-9
Nazareth	5-7	12-15	7-10
Afula	7-9	12-15	9-12
Shomron	6-8	11-14	8-11
Tel Aviv	12-14	18-20	14-18
Lod Airport	11-13	17-19	13-17
Jericho	10-12	16-18	12-16
Qaza	8-10	13-16	10-13
Beersheba	12-14	18-20	14-18
Eilat	18-20	24-26	20-24
Transjordan	10-12	16-18	12-16

## Social and Personal

Denmark's Transport Minister, Mr. Jens Kampmann, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu.

The first two buildings of the Aaron Gutwirth Science-Based Industries Complex at the Technion were dedicated yesterday. Mr. Gutwirth, who donated the building funds, axed the mezzanine to the entrance. The Deputy Premier and Education Minister, Mr. Yigal Allon, attended the ceremony.

Labour Minister Yosef Abnogi yesterday gave his patronage to the world congress of the International Rehabilitation Association, scheduled to take place in Israel in 1976.

British Ambassador Bernard Ledwidge yesterday visited Tel Aviv University. He was received by Prof. Yisrael Meir, president of Tel Aviv University, and toured the campus, where his daughter is a student.

Canadian Ambassador Dr. Paul Marlowe and Prof. Hans Heinrich Maier of the Zurich Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule yesterday visited the Weizmann Institute, where they were received by acting president Prof. Yisrael Dostrovsky.

A reception was held yesterday at the Jerusalem Academy of Jewish Studies for Lord Richard Kahn, professor of economics and provost, Cambridge University, and Mr. David Hamburger, president of the Manchester Council of Synagogues, England.

Dr. Georges Mathé, chairman of the Comité des Doyens Sages, a research advisory body to the President of France, and Dr. Samson Gross, director of the Division of Genetics of the Department of Biochemistry at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, yesterday visited the University of the Negev, where they were the guests of the president, Prof. Moshe Prywes; the dean, Prof. Haim Ezran; and Prof. Amos Richmond, head of the Natural Sciences Faculty.

Mr. Moshe Carmel, M.K., will speak on "The U.S. and the Middle East Conflict" at the Haifa Maritime and Economic Club at 1 p.m. today. Reservations by phone, 662954.

Free Centre leader Shmuel Tamir, M.K., will speak on "The Roots of the Economic Scandals" at the Haifa Engineers Forum, at 1 p.m. today.

**EXPRESSION OF THANKS**  
Grete Levison of Jerusalem thanks all who shared her grief upon the death of her dear brother, Kurt Herz. (Cologne) — Sao Paulo).

## DEPARTURES

Rabbi Dr. Shlomo Geon, Chief Sephardi Rabbi of Great Britain, after attending an executive meeting of the World Sephardi Federation.  
Rabbi Judah Nadich, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, Rabbi Shmuel Brannick, chairman of the Rabbinical Assembly, and Mrs. Brannick — to New York, upon the conclusion of the three-day gathering.  
Raya Jagon, president of World Wizo, for Geneva (by El Al).

## Admits he raped tourist in Eilat

**EILAT.** — A pretty blonde tourist from Holland waited 12 hours before complaining to police Wednesday morning that she had been raped. Nevertheless, it took police only a few hours to locate the suspect, a 25-year-old Israeli.

The suspect has admitted that he saw the girl, 20, in the "Eliphe Wadi," and "could not overcome his lust for her." He will be brought to the Magistrates' Court for remand today. (Yim)

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## Israel diplomats braced for foreign criticism

By DAVID LANDAU  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The Foreign Ministry in Jerusalem and Israel's diplomats abroad readied themselves yesterday to face criticism from some foreign governments over the downing of the Libyan airliner.

Instructions went out to embassies and consulates abroad ordering Israel's representatives to vigorously defend the Air Force's action, explain its circumstances and stress the politico-military background against which it occurred.

Ministers and senior officials considered whether to set up an official commission of inquiry to investigate the incident and, if so, what type of commission. Last night observers predicted that such a commission would indeed be established. France, Britain, Holland and other countries had urged such a move yesterday.

### SUICIDE RAID

The Foreign Ministry sent Israel's envoys, as background material, a copy of columnist Jack Anderson's article in the "Washington Post" on January 12, in which he predicted a Kamikaze-type suicide raid by Arab terrorists on an Israeli city. "The terrorists are plotting to hijack a plane and crash it into the heart of bustling Tel Aviv," he wrote. "Information had come through intercepting secret terrorist radio messages, he said."

Israel diplomats will also stress that the Air Force pilots acted according to international air procedures, and did all they could to bring the plane's intrusion into Israeli airspace to a peaceful end.

Both the Foreign Ministry and the Defence Ministry were in contact with Red Cross officials during the day with a view to identifying the bodies and eventually repatriating the bodies and the survivors, but no arrangements have been finalized. The Red Cross passed a list of passengers to the army to help with identification efforts.

Observers here believe the Arab states will exploit the tragedy for propaganda purposes. But they doubt if Israel's foreign relations would be significantly affected once the initial, emotional reaction has passed. Israel will stress that the incident, however tragic, was an accident and is not symptomatic — as the Egyptians claim — of a powder-keg situation in the Middle East, which must be defused at once by Great Power intervention.

### Talmi voted in as Mapam sec'y

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The Mapam Central Committee yesterday almost unanimously chose Meir Talmi to succeed Meir Ya'ari as the party's secretary-general. The vote was 201 for, none against, and 42 abstentions.

The 63-year-old founding member of Kibbutz Mishmar Ha'emek was proposed by Mr. Ya'ari, who recently stepped down after 52 broken years at the head of his Hashomer Hatzair kibbutz movement and Mapam. The election took place despite last-minute attempts of the anti-Alignment minority to postpone the vote by procedural complications.

Mr. Talmi, popularly known by his nickname "Yudek," acknowledged the problems in succeeding Meir Ya'ari, noting that for the first time there was a distinction between the party secretary-general and the party leader. "I am no leader," he added. He described his election as "an interim appointment," indicating he would make way for a younger man in four years' time.

### 'Ma'ariv' is 25 years old

Jerusalem Post Reporter

**TEL AVIV.** — The evening paper "Ma'ariv" marked its 25th anniversary with a big reception at the Hilton Hotel here yesterday.

Editor Arye Dismaschik and Oved Ben-Ami, a major partner in the enterprise, were hosts to a galaxy of prominent residents which included several Cabinet ministers, the Knesset Speaker, Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren, the Inspector-General of Police, the dozen of the Diplomatic Corps, many ambassadors, Knesset members, army senior officers and political leaders from practically all the parties.

### PAYIS WINNERS

The IL150,000 grand prizes in the Mifal Hapayis lottery were drawn yesterday by tickets no. 349033 and no. 777806. Number 714414 won IL50,000 and numbers 314252 and 737082 won IL12,500. Tickets 037388, 431643, 431900 and 827161 won IL2,500. Tickets ending in 2 won IL1.

The following won IL1,250: 187927, 430521, 536287, 788177, 798111, 169846, 389044, 495331, 779012, 075318, 376489, 492803, 694116, 018974, 305871, 427230, 676465, 006381, 197891, 464878 and 577982.

### Soldier buried, fell in duty

**HAIFA.** — Rav-Tural Yehuda Litani (Litmanovitch), who fell in the line of duty, was buried with military honours at the Hof Hacarmel military cemetery yesterday.

Yehuda Litani, who was 19, was a graduate of the Reali high school and of the Air Force technical school, and served in a combat unit. His father is a veteran J.N.V. official and secretary of the Hagana veterans in Haifa. Yehuda is survived by his parents, two sisters and a brother. (Yim)

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## Shocked and indignant France wants role in Sinai plane probe

By JACK MAURICE  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Foreign Minister Maurice Schumann voiced France's shock and indignation yesterday over the incident in which Israeli planes forced a Libyan Boeing jet over Sinai desert.

Schumann summoned Israel's ambassador, Yosef Hadass, to the Quai d'Orsay for a 15-minute denunciation of the Israeli attack on the plane, in which four of the French crew members were killed and the plane was destroyed. He said the move was "unacceptable" and that France would consider this request seriously.

Hadass, standing in for Ambassador Asher Ben-Natan (who is on a lecture tour of the U.S.), reacted to Schumann's remarks with a lecture tour of the U.S., reacted to Schumann's remarks with a lecture tour of the U.S., reacted to Schumann's remarks with a lecture tour of the U.S.

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## Bonn expresses 'shock' to Israel envoy

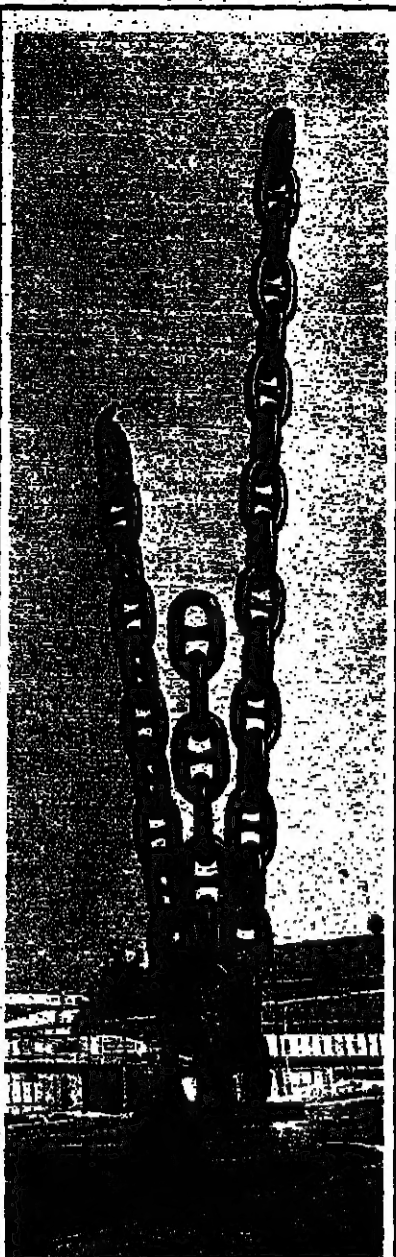
By BRIAN ARTHUR  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

Israel's Ambassador to Bonn, Elishav Ben-Horin, was summoned yesterday to the Foreign Office, which expressed "shock" at Israel's downing of a Libyan bomber jet over the Sinai desert. West German Foreign Minister Helmut Schmidt expressed "shock" at Israel's downing of a Libyan bomber jet over the Sinai desert.

## Office to decide on DM 30m. loan

A committee of two has been appointed by Finance Minister Pinhas Persson to decide whether Mr. Ignatz, a West German businessman, will borrow 30m. Deutschmarks (DM) from the Israeli Government or the German Government. The committee is headed by the Director-General of the Treasury, Amos Manor, a lawyer. The committee is also headed by the Director-General of the Treasury, Amos Manor, a lawyer.

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The Collection



This sculpture was erected this week on the bridge leading into Haifa Port, near the railway station. The sculpture was planned by an engineer, G. Sokholowski, and executed by men of the port's maintenance section. It is 10 metres high and is made of large chain links.

## Killer drivers get jail, fines

Two drivers convicted of causing death through negligent driving were each sentenced yesterday to three months in prison and a 12,000 fine. Their licences were revoked for three years. David Moscovitz, 43, of Bnei Brak was convicted of running over a girl in the West Bank village of Anabta in July 1971. Judge Haim Shapiro of the Magistrates' Court sentenced him to three months in prison and a 12,000 fine.

## Official convicted of accepting bribe

The secretary of the Ramat Hasharon Local Council, Yitzhak Chen, was yesterday given a six-month suspended sentence for accepting a bribe from a sewage contractor. Another local official, Max Milner, head of the Ramat Hasharon Sanitation Department, was acquitted of the same charge. District Court Judge Avraham Halima said the two men had received "interest-free loans" from the contractor Dov Schneider. But Milner and the contractor were personal friends, so the judge said he was giving Milner the benefit of the doubt.

## Shulman trial witness convicted of holding forged passport

TEL AVIV. — The key prosecution witness and alleged co-victim in the rape trial of Mordechai ("Shulman Will Pay") Shulman was yesterday convicted of assuming a false identity, entering Israel on a forged passport and giving false information to the immigration authorities. Sentence will be passed at a later date.

The accused had admitted at the start of the trial that his name was not Peter Kovatch, as stated in his passport, but Haim Shafes. Magistrates' Court Judge Yosef Megory-Cohen acquitted Shafes of receiving money from the Absorption Ministry under false pretences.

Shafes arrived in Israel in 1964 with a legitimate South African passport bearing his real name. He admitted that during his first stay in Israel he had twice been convicted for theft.

In 1966, Shafes returned to South Africa, where he claimed to have become involved in supplying arms to the African Liberation movement. He left South Africa again on a Rumanian passport bearing the name of Peter Kovatch, to which he had affixed his own photograph. First he went to Australia, and then returned to Israel, in December 1971. He was granted an immigrant's certificate — as Peter Kovatch.

## 39 now held in Golan Druse sabotage ring

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TIBERIAS. — Four more men have been arrested in Druse villages in the Golan, bringing to 39 the total number of suspects detained so far in connection with the spy and sabotage ring uncovered there last month.

Syrian espionage activities in the area now appear to have been much wider spread than was first assumed, and further arrests are expected.

## Recidivist terrorist gets 15 years more

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
GAZA. — A 21-year-old terrorist who escaped last May from Beer-sheva Prison — where he was serving a 20-year sentence for grenade-throwing — was yesterday sentenced by the Gaza Military Tribunal to 15 additional years. Yesterday's conviction and sentence were not for escaping (for this he will be tried in a civil court), but for being in possession of two grenades when he was recaptured.

The man, Hassan Mahmud Lubad of the Jebelja refugee camp, had escaped dressed in woman's clothing. He was recaptured three months later in Jebelja, when one of the two grenades he was carrying exploded, wounding him all over his body.

The prosecutor, Segen Yaron Rabinovitz, asked for a life sentence, saying that Lubad had returned to his old occupation — terrorism — following his escape. But the president of the court, Rav-Seren Reuven Heller, said he was taking into account the fact that Lubad had been badly injured and that he still faced trial for his escape in a civil court.



MASS MOVEMENT, a group of five young Belgians, demonstrated the art of living statues in the garden of the Artists Pavilion in Rehov Alhazari, Tel Aviv, Wednesday. The group, whose members wish to remain anonymous, had a picnic on the grass — of pitta, falafel and hummus — and then coated themselves with a thick layer of a rapidly coalescing spray. The result was a sight similar to the one above, which was taken in Belgium. Mass Movement recently stunned the Venice Biennale by releasing 10,000 butterflies in San Marco Square. They came to Israel from Japan, and are going to the Himalayas from here. Belgian Ambassador Frans Willems was present at yesterday's show.

## Sierra Leone thanks Israel for its aid

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

The Sierra Leone Finance Minister this week expressed his country's appreciation to Israel for its aid and cooperation projects in Sierra Leone. The minister, Kamara Taylor, called in Israeli Ambassador Naftali Ben-Yehuda on Tuesday to inform him of Sierra Leone's appreciation and of its hopes for closer cultural ties with Israel in the future. The Finance Minister said to it that his conversation with the ambassador was later released to the local press.

This pointed expression of friendship came after reports this week by the Algerian News Agency that Sierra Leone is thinking of cooling its relations with Israel. Sierra Leone's Foreign Minister has been visiting Algiers, together with Dahomey's Foreign Minister. The two are now in Cairo.

Finance Minister Taylor told Mr. Ben-Yehuda that Sierra Leone hoped the Middle East conflict would be solved in the way the Vietnam war was ended — by negotiations between the sides.

## Kibbutz homes for immigrants

A three-year building programme to give immigrants who go to kibbutzim housing as good as they would get in town was announced yesterday by Absorption Minister Nathan Feled.

The new plan, which will make a major change in absorption conditions at kibbutzim, was announced at the end of a meeting in the Knesset between Mr. Feled and representatives of Kibbutz Arzi. Mr. Feled noted that the growth of industry at the kibbutzim had created a need for hundreds of professionals, which he felt the kibbutzim could attract with a bit of effort.

## Rain won't continue over the weekend Farmers still hoping...

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Yesterday's rain, which covered most of the country, was not expected to continue today, the weatherman told The Jerusalem Post yesterday. The strong winds are dying down and the rain clouds will start dispersing this morning. The forecast for Saturday is partly cloudy and warmer.

For a little while yesterday it seemed as though winter had finally returned. There was rain in the north and central parts of the country and strong winds reaching 40 knots in Haifa, 30 knots in Jerusalem and Mount Canaan, and 20 knots in Tel Aviv. But it wasn't enough. The country's farmers are still waiting for a miracle — that is, for a good downpour that will last several days.

## Police recover IL 20,000 in stolen appliances

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NETANYA. — An observant policeman led to the recovery yesterday of more than IL20,000 in electrical appliances, and to the arrest of five men suspected of stealing them. The wares had been stolen Saturday night from a store belonging to David Hziyahu, from Kadima. The burglars left behind a sledge hammer, apparently used to break into the store. The policeman, a member of the Netanya force, recalled that he had seen such a sledge hammer in a car belonging to a villager from the Triangle only a month earlier.

Netanya police, aided by their colleagues from Hadera, arrested five suspects. Despite the five's lack of cooperation, they managed to uncover a cache in which the stolen goods, as well as other loot, were kept.

Mekorot, Israel's national water company, is being more realistic and is preparing itself for a long dry summer. Lake Kinneret is two metres below its normal level and 300 million cubic metres short of the optimal quantity needed to see the farmers through the summer.

Zeev Kariv, director-general of Mekorot, told a meeting of the company's Board of Directors that two of the country's artificial reservoirs — Lake Kishon and Zohar — are dry and are being filled with water from wells. The two lakes can hold up to 5 million cum of water.

The water for the reservoirs is being taken from wells that are normally not used but are kept in reserve for emergency use. From these wells Mekorot has also started to pump water into the National Water Carrier. Mekorot fears that if no appreciable rainfall occurs during the next month, water carrier pumping will not only further reduce the level, but will also impair the quality of the water. The lake may be unable to absorb the runoffs which flow into it from the reclaimed Hula basin.

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## Fighting in Laos despite cease-fire

VIENTIANE (UPI). — A cease-fire throughout Laos began yesterday but fighting was reported across the country three hours after it took effect.

There was no immediate confirmation that U.S. bombing stopped when the government radio announced the cease-fire had started at noon yesterday (7 a.m. Israeli time) but at 3 p.m. military sources said Royal Lao Air Force T28 jet fighters were still flying bombing and strafing missions in north Laos, and military reports said "the usual military activity" was still going on in the south.

Half an hour after the truce took effect, acting Defence Minister Sisouk Na Champassak went on national radio to order all government troops to strictly observe the agreement. At the same time, the Communist Pathet Lao radio ordered its troops to stop fighting.

But Sisouk also warned Laotian troops to prepare themselves to resist any Communist offensive and to hold territory under their control at any cost.

Regarding the Vietnam cease-fire, the U.S. accused Communist truce team members of stalling yesterday and the Communists issued a denunciation of all conduct since the January 28 truce.

The South Vietnamese command accused the Communists of 132 truce violations in the 24 hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday. This was to take place in the next five days.

The Saigon command said 9,204 Vietnamese on both sides have been killed in nearly four weeks of the cease-fire, including 98 in the 24 hours ending at noon yesterday.

Military and diplomatic sources said, meanwhile, that the next exchange of prisoners of war, perhaps to include about 100 Americans, will take place in the next five days.

In addition, 1,000 South Vietnamese and 7,000 North Vietnamese and Vietcong prisoners were scheduled to be freed by Tuesday.

South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu claimed yesterday the Communist side continues fighting in Vietnam despite the cease-fire in order to control larger populations and more votes in future elections.

"The Communists have reason to continue to fight because they need to have more people, more hamlets, to prepare for the future elections," Mr. Thieu told newsmen after addressing a political rally at Thu Duc, just outside Saigon. "That's the reason why they continue to fight, to get more hamlets, more people."



Crowd gathers around ruins of building blown up by Israeli commandos at Nahar al-Bared in north Lebanon early Wednesday morning. (AP radiophoto)

## Tekoah rejects Lebanon's U.N. complaint on raid

UNITED NATIONS. — Israel on Wednesday night rejected a Lebanese complaint that targets raided by Israeli commandos earlier in the day were civilian areas and said that they were "terrorist centres" operating with Lebanese Government support.

In a letter to Security Council President Joseph Oderjowski of Kenya, Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah said the one base raided was "used for the training of foreign terrorists for terror operations in their own countries or against Israel."

Lebanese Ambassador Edouard Ghorra had written the Council earlier in what he called a "strong protest" that the Israelis had hit Palestinian refugee camps, killing 30 persons, wounding 20 and blowing up 10 buildings.

Both envoys asked that their letters be circulated as Security Council documents. Neither asked for a meeting.

Mr. Tekoah accused Ghorra of distortions. He said the "terrorist centres" attacked included a Fatah base and a Popular Front base at Nahar al-Bared and three more Fatah installations and another Popular Front base at al-Badawi. He charged that from the first base a booby-trapped car was sent to Europe late last year to blow up an Israeli embassy.

"It is Israel's duty," he declared, "to defend itself and to protect its people from the murderous attacks of terror organizations which... enjoy the support of the Lebanese Government."

Ghorra said the Israelis came by boat, left by helicopter, killed 17 persons at Nahar al-Bared and 13 persons at al-Badawi, wounded 10 at al-Badawi and blew up five buildings at each location, one of them used for U.N. refugee relief. (Reuters, AP)

## Suharto agrees to Australian regional plan

JAKARTA (AP). — President Suharto agreed to the "potential value" of an Australian proposal for a regional grouping, a communiqué said yesterday, and Prime Minister Gough Whitlam said he would push ahead with the idea.

Mr. Whitlam told a news conference he would canvass Asian and Pacific leaders on his plan, which would presumably link Australia with Southeast Asia, China and Japan.

"I wouldn't discount the possibility of having it in a couple of years," he said. "I wouldn't expect it before a couple of years."

The communiqué noted that Whitlam's and Suharto's understanding in their talks "marked an important advance in relations between Indonesia and Australia." It said Mr. Whitlam agreed to "immediate and sympathetic study" of Indonesia's requests for economic assistance.

## U.K. newsman sees non-Arab terrorists

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Israel's announcement that the targets attacked in Lebanon were training bases for non-Arab terrorists was substantiated yesterday by a report in the "Daily Express."

Reporting from Nahar el-Bared, Arthur Chesworth writes: "At Badawi I saw a group of men in battle dress who looked European. When I asked who they were they refused to reply and I was ushered away by a commando security man."

Chesworth also refutes allegations of indiscriminate destruction of refugee dwellings. He wrote that "the Israelis had selected their targets carefully. Buildings housing refugees appeared to be undamaged. But those in the guerrilla sectors were badly blitzed."

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## Cairo envoy to intervene for held terrorists

CAIRO (Reuters). — Dr. Hassan Sabry al-Kholi, personal representative of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, left here yesterday for Damascus for talks with Syrian officials on the arrest of a number of Palestinian terrorists by the Jordanian authorities.

State police said gas lines were shut down because more explosions were feared. Persons living within a block of the blast site were evacuated.

The blast apparently was caused when men working on a sewer line hit gas lines.

## SALAM ON RAID No chance for us to intervene

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter

Lebanon's Prime Minister Saeb Salam said last night that Israel's raid on the terrorist strongholds at al-Badawi and a-Nahr al-Bared on Wednesday came like lightning, giving the Lebanese armed forces no chance to intervene.

The Lebanese Premier, speaking on Beirut radio, said his Government did not give orders for the army to move. He noted that the Lebanese troops might have clashed with the terrorists by mistake, instead of the Israelis if they had intervened.

Salam was commenting on criticism voiced in some Arab newspapers against the Lebanese army for failing to stop the terrorists. The Lebanese Premier said his country's armed forces faced "unique circumstances, under which they were unable to do a thing."

Ridiculing the terrorist claims of having fought for over 2½ hours with the Israeli troops, Salam said "the whole Israeli strike lasted for about seven minutes."

The Lebanese Government yesterday issued no further statements on the Israeli raid. It made no mention of the final death toll, which was said to have been in preparation late Wednesday night.

The terrorists said over their Cairo-based radio last night that their casualties numbered 31 killed. They did not mention the wounded, who earlier were reported to number several scores.

## One dead, five missing in U.S. gas blast

COOPERSBURG, Pennsylvania (AP).

A gas explosion levelled an apartment building and damaged several other structures in this eastern Pennsylvania community on Wednesday.

Five persons were missing, at least one body, that of a child, was recovered and 20 persons were injured in the blast, authorities said. Firemen and police were sifting through the rubble of the apartment building, looking for bodies.

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## FIVE SUPERVISORS PUNISHED

## El Al back to normal after three-day strike

Jerusalem Post Aviation Reporter

El Al yesterday resumed full-scale operations. Six flights took off for Europe and the U.S., and one each to Tehran and Johannesburg. But the airline made do with five fewer technical supervisors.

As a punitive measure against the five members of the technical supervisors' committee which brought the 112-man department out on strike last Sunday, the management cancelled five of the job designations. This means that the department now has only 107 supervisors.

The five men who lost their designations as supervisors, however, continue to work in the department with the same salary, seniority and other rights as previously.

Disciplinary action was taken because the men had not given two weeks' notice of their intention to call a strike, as required by law.

El Al's legal action against the five men for violation of a labour law has not been withdrawn.

Meanwhile, no details were available as to how many of the workers complied with the management's request on Tuesday to let their "surplus" leave during the strike and the present slack period. Neither was it clear whether the workers who reported for work despite the request would be paid for their attendance.

"Surplus" leave refers to the accumulated above the 52 percent by company regulations.

## Vatican now delays Viet leaders' photos

VATICAN CITY (UPI).

The Vatican's handling of photographic arrangements is any indication, diplomats from North and South Vietnam were seen here as slightly more embarrassed visitors than Israel Premier Golda Meir.

The Vatican's official photographer said a picture of yesterday's meeting between Pope Paul VI and South Vietnamese Foreign Minister Tran Van Lam would be released tomorrow, 48 hours late. He gave no explanation for the delay.

Pictures of the Pope's meeting last week with chief North Vietnamese peace negotiator Xuan Thuy were released more than one day late.

When Mrs. Meir called on the Pope on January 15, pictures of the meeting were distributed 24 hours late, again without explanation.

## 15 terrorists in Brazil kill 'squealer'

SAO PAULO (AP).

A group of more than 15 terrorists shot down a Portuguese restaurant owner on Wednesday in reprisal for his betrayal of other terrorists killed at the same spot eight months ago.

The terrorists left pamphlets at the scene saying the "traitor" Manuel Henrique de Oliveira was killed because he denounced three terrorists who usually lunched at his bar. They were killed last year in a shoot-out with police.

The group said it belonged to the National Liberation Alliance, one of the groups responsible for several diplomatic kidnappings two years ago.

## Ismail leaves for U.S.

LONDON (Reuters).

Special Egyptian envoy, Hafez Ismail, left here by air yesterday for Washington for talks with President Nixon's administration on the Middle East crisis.

Mr. Ismail, President Anwar Sadat's national security adviser, held talks here with top British ministers on prospects for a settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Mr. Ismail would make no comment when questioned by reporters

on Wednesday's Libyan airline crash.

Extra police and airline security men kept a tight watch on him as he left. At the suite reserve for celebrities, police officers manned all doors and exit points.

When two Israeli officials, including an El Al representative, walked into the lounge Mr. Ismail was using, they were quickly ushered to another suite 20 metres away.

## Athens students sit in to protest draft decree

ATHENS (AP).

Police sealed off the Athens University of Law yesterday as 3,000 students continued their all-night occupation of the school in protest against a decree drafting protesting students.

Relatives and friends of the protesters were not allowed to cross police lines to deliver food to the protesters.

Students announced they would continue their strike until the decree suspending deferments for students was withdrawn and the 97 students already drafted were released. The students reported, however, their food supplies were running low.

Hundreds of students and parents gathered around the sealed-off area during the night, and police arrested

several persons after fights broke out.

One of the students in the case said they were remaining "in case police and government benches launch an attack on the building. We will then move in to help those inside."

There were rumours that the police or army might launch an attack to eject the students. Odysseus Angelis, chief of the Greek army forces, twice made a tour of the school building.

Students stood on the roof of the building chanting liberal slogans as calling on the public and intellectuals throughout the country to support them.

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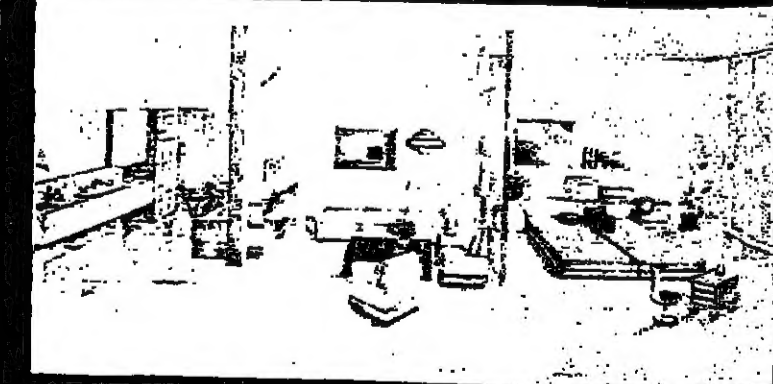
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## Arab boycott threatens Belgium

**JERUSALEM (Reuters).** — The Arab boycott of Israel central office has threatened to take measures against Belgium if the Belgian Government agreed to establish a joint Israeli-Belgian aircraft factory.

Mohammed Ahmed Mahgoub, office's Commissioner-General, a press conference here yesterday under the reported project Israel would get a 600 million franc loan from Belgium which would also ensure immediate orders amounting to at least 500 million francs.

He said if the project goes ahead, Belgium will also be called for joining the Arab boycott which will mean Belgium will be cut off from Arab markets.

He added that Belgium's trade with Arab countries in 1971 totalled 100 million francs while that with Israel was not more than 10 million francs.

Mr. Mahgoub said the carrying of the project in Belgium would mean the marketing of the project in the European Economic Community markets and other countries linked to it.

He would help Israel's "aggressive war effort," he added.

## \$10m. libel suit against Farago

**NEW YORK (Reuters).** — American actress Merry Farnley yesterday sued author Ladislav Farago for 10 million dollars claiming she was defamed in his book "The Man of Fences," about German spy war two espionage.

Miss Farnley, of New York, died in the book as a harem to leather business fortune, charged the Manhattan Supreme Court. She was "maliciously, intentionally, and wilfully defamed by the picture as an agent for the Nazi Government in the United States during World War Two."

Mr. Farago, whose book was published in January, 1972, recently wrote a series of newspaper articles that Nazi leader Martin Bormann was alive in South America.



Coffin of Marshal Petain leaves military hospital of Val de Grace in Paris yesterday before being flown back to Ile d'Yeu. (AP radiophoto)

## Petaun coffin reburied after 5-day grave snatch

**PARIS (AP).** — The coffin of Marshal Philippe Petain, the World War I hero-turned-Nazi collaborator, was lowered back into its bleak tomb yesterday after a five-day grave snatching episode that could have an effect on next month's French legislative elections.

Stolen on Sunday from this windswept island off the coast of Brittany, the coffin was found on Wednesday wrapped in rags in a van in a garage near Paris and flown here in a military aircraft. Then behind a procession of veterans carrying the French tri-colour, it was borne in a hearse to the tomb.

Flowers surrounded the grave. On one wreath of anonymous and unknown was inscribed "The President of the Republic."

It was a gesture by President Georges Pompidou, who may have considered that the reburial here could cost his Gaullist majority rightist votes in its struggle to retain control of the National Assembly.

The coffin was taken on Sunday by a right-wing group, which hoped to force the government to agree to Petain's burial in the national military cemetery at Douaumont near the Verdun battlefields where the Marshal became a hero in stopping the German advance in World War I. Seven men, including a candidate for a deputy's seat in next month's legislative elections and a former minister of information in Petain's collaborationist Vichy government, have been held by police.

# Arab terrorists don't want to be forgotten

**THE** intensive political activity, in which the U.S. appears to have successfully engaged Jordan, Egypt and Israel, has been overshadowed by the forced crash landing of a Libyan jetliner over Sinai, coming on top of an Israeli sea and airborne raid on terrorist strongholds in northern Lebanon.

The Palestinian terrorist movement, which failed to stir any Arab sympathy for itself through the Israeli raid on its bases in Lebanon, seemed on the verge of catastrophe as a propaganda weapon. The terrorists had accused the Arab states of indifference towards the raid on their bases. They noted that Israel's military attacks were being directed at the sabotage movement which, they said, remained the only Arab element to resist the current U.S. political activity aimed at "forcing the Arabs to surrender."

The terrorist charges were voiced as Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's adviser on national security affairs, Mr. Hafez Ismail, was winding up his Middle East talks in London, in preparation for his talks today in Washington.

The terrorists evidently fear that they are being excluded from political activity. In this context, Algeria, which remains one of the staunchest supporters of the terrorists among the Arab states, suggested this week that there should be a new international scheme to settle the Middle East conflict, not only excluding the terrorist movement, but also at its expense.

In a political commentary, the official news agency, Algerie Presse Service, said that King Hussein's visit to Washington, the under-cover conversations between U.S. delegates and Arabs from various countries in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, in addition to Egypt's diplomatic offensive in Moscow, London, Washington, Paris and Peking "do not seem to be separate elements."

"Quite to the contrary, it appears that a vast plan, excluding the Palestinian resistance which visibly pays the price, is en route," the Algerian agency said, linking Israel's response to the political initiatives with the plan and "the trials" facing the terrorist movement.

Beirut Radio yesterday quoted Arab political observers as stressing that Egypt's President Anwar Sadat would not have sent his top adviser to Washington without offering new ideas on a political settlement.

These observers were reported to have expressed the belief that Egypt and the U.S. were no longer divided over the American proposal for an interim settlement aimed at reopening the Suez Canal. Washington's emphasis that such a move would serve as "an interim step leading to a final settlement" made it easier for Egypt to agree, as the other Arab elements now could not accuse it of abandoning them.

The U.S. Middle East activity can't be assessed before Premier Meir's visit to Washington next week, but it has in itself, undoubtedly, promoted a détente. This has taken the wind out of the sails of the terrorists, who are struggling to prove their existence as a force in the Arab arena.

To achieve this aim, they may yet resort to yet another desperate act, which they may link this time to the downing of the Libyan airliner. They may think this would stir some support among the Arabs, especially in Libya, the main source of aid for the terrorists.

**MOHAMMED** Oudeh, the ranking Fatah leader captured by the Jordanians while preparing a takeover of the Prime Minister's office, said on Jordan TV this week that the purpose of the Amman operation was to demonstrate the Fatah's existence "after three years of decline" in the image of the terrorist movement.

Oudeh, code-named "Abu Daoud," is known to be an intelligence officer in the Fatah. He stressed that he was under no pressure to make the TV statement, and indicated that alternative plans for the show operation were drawn up in Damascus. The terrorist group, in a desperate bid to pave the way for a coup, hoped to round up the Jordanian leadership while King Hussein was absent in the U.S.

Oudeh revealed in his TV statement that he and a girl pretending to be his wife were caught while touring the Jordanian capital in a car. A security patrol, doubting the authenticity of the Saudi passports carried by Oudeh and his "wife," arrested them together with two other passengers carrying Lebanese and Jordanian passports.

The terrorist leadership denied that any government takeover had been planned and said that Abu Daoud and a group of 18 other terrorists were arrested by the Jordanians while on their way to "the occupied West Bank to fight the enemy." They also denied that the voice on Amman Radio or TV belonged to Abu Daoud.

However, Abu Daoud's statement certainly seemed to be genuine. In fact, Abu Daoud's relaxed composure raised the possibility that he might have been a double agent for the Jordanians who are known to have infiltrated the ranks of the terrorist movement.

The terrorist leadership's call on Egypt, Syria and Libya to help gain the release of Abu Daoud and his men and its subsequent claim that the plotters had been already executed did not win much reaction from the Arab states which find themselves in increasing conflict with the terrorist movement. The Middle East dialogue which the U.S. is promoting with a number of Arab states and Israel, was bound to affect the terrorists' relations with the Arab states.

## Death for Tokyo man who killed eight women

**MAEBAASHI, Japan (AP).** — Kyoshi Okubo, a smooth-talking former convict, was found guilty yesterday of raping and killing eight young women. He was sentenced to death.

Judge Masao Mizuno of the Maebaashi district court set no date for carrying out the sentence.

Okubo, 38, showed no reaction when Mizuno pronounced the sentence, but several of his relatives sitting in the gallery burst into tears.

Mizuno said Okubo showed no regret for the murders and death was the only penalty possible under the circumstances.

Police said Okubo raped and killed eight women over a period of several months in 1971. He buried his victims, all between 18 and 21 years of age, in a forest north of Tokyo.

Okubo lured the girls into joining him on car rides by posing as a painter searching for models. He usually wore a beret and often impressed them by reciting poems, the police said.

## Warsaw pact exercise ends in Rumania

**MOSCOW (Reuters).** — The Defence Ministry newspaper "Red Star" yesterday said a 10-day Warsaw Pact staff exercise in Rumania ended on Wednesday.

The exercise, conducted theoretically using maps, involved Soviet, Bulgarian and Rumanian staffs of land, sea and air forces.

It was held from February 12 to 21 under the command of Marshal Ivan Yakubovskiy, Commander-in-Chief of the combined armed forces of the Warsaw Pact, "Red Star" said.

Joint action by all types of armed forces was rehearsed, and the exercises showed that generals, admirals and other officers have improved their operational training, the report said.

## Pakistani boy, 15, remanded after India House raid

**LONDON (UPI).** — A 15-year-old Pakistani schoolboy was remanded in custody for five days when he appeared in juvenile court yesterday on charges of attempted murder and conspiracy to abduct eight persons from the Indian High Commission in London on Tuesday.

Juvenile court rules prevented identification of the boy.

Two 19-year-old Pakistanis who accompanied him to the court were killed by police after they threatened them with imitation revolvers.

All three lived in Watford. The boy is charged with attempting to murder 44-year-old clerk Anil Dutt, who was stabbed during the attack, and with conspiring with Hasharat Hussain and Mohammed Hanif Hussain, the two dead youths, to abduct eight members of the Commission staff.

## New U.K. immigration rules for C'wealth

**LONDON (AP).** — The House of Commons has approved new immigration rules which will ease the way into Britain for citizens of the "old Commonwealth" — Australia, Canada and New Zealand.

The rules will give an unquestioned right of entry to any Commonwealth citizen who can prove he has one British-born grandparent. They allow for "working holidays" of at least a year and provable extension to five or seven years.

The vote was 283 to 240, a Government majority of 43.

**\$10m. U.S. loan for Jordan irrigation**

**AMMAN (Reuters).** — The U.S. Government will give Jordan a \$10m. loan to finance irrigation schemes in the Jordan valley, it was officially announced here yesterday.

# Go-ahead for India's water grid plan

By TREVOR DREIBERG  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

**NEW DELHI.** — India has given the go-ahead signal from U.N. experts for a gigantic national water grid. The grid is planned to control drought and flood, which cause tremendous losses to farmers every year, and will irrigate nearly 70 million hectares of farmland when completed in about 30 years.

The \$13,000m. project will also create a few thousand kilometres of new canals for inland transport. It is the brainchild of Dr. K.L. Rao, Irrigation and Power Minister, who is an engineer by training.

The experts, sent here from New York to report on a scheme a commission of Indian engineers had drafted for the Irrigation Ministry, say it is technically sound. More important, they say the project is essential to meet the country's requirements of water by the end of the 20th century.

Dr. Rao will soon introduce a bill in Parliament to declare water a national asset. This is necessary to prevent state governments and private interests from raising legal obstacles to the scheme.

The new law will cover all water resources, including snow and ground-water. The experts have reported that methods of inducing rain hold out much promise in areas of the country where superclouds exist. They say salty and brackish water should be treated to increase the flow in irrigation channels.

Technical aid for the project has already been pledged under the U.N. Development Programme, and the World Bank is said to be showing interest in financing it.

Its core is a system of canals linking the Ganges in the north with the Cauvery in the south. The Ganges will also be linked with the Brahmaputra in the east, while a westward link with the Chambal will carry water from the Ganges system to the desert areas of Rajasthan. Another eastward canal

will link the 2,325-kilometre Ganges with the Mahanadi to irrigate the cyclone-prone plains along the western shore of the Bay of Bengal.

Including the Brahmaputra, which rises in southwestern Tibet and flows 2,550 kilometres into the Bay of Bengal, involves the co-operation of Bangladesh. The first step in this direction has been taken with the decision of the Indian and Bangladesh governments in April 1972 to set up a permanent joint river commission.

The U.N. experts have advised the Indian Government to form a central water authority to manage the undertaking, with full responsibility for directing all aspects of water use, including irrigation, transport and generating electricity.

The experts have mapped a 10-year schedule of operations, starting in the summer of 1972. They calculate that, by 1974, a survey of all the available supplies of water to the nation would be completed, together with estimates of future demand for water. Detailed estimates of the cost of the scheme should be ready by 1976, and construction of the link canals should begin the following year.

**MAIN LINKS**

The experts say the main canal links should go into operation between 1982 and 1991. Navigation is a very important function of these canals, and they should be particularly attractive to heavy, low-value, long-haul bulk cargoes which overburden the railway and road systems.

India has 8,500 kilometres of inland waterways, but only a fifth of this length is navigable. The Ganges-Cauvery link canal, the spine of the national water grid, could add another 2,400 to 3,000 kilometres of commodious waterways which would connect up all the main water arteries of the Indian peninsula with the Ganges-Brahmaputra system and the big seaports.

The peninsular rivers flow east-west into the Arabian Sea, or in the

opposite direction into the Bay of Bengal. But an all-India economy requires strong traffic links between north and south to connect natural resources with well-populated areas of industrial production and consumption.

At the end of March 1972, large and medium irrigation facilities were available to water about 10 million hectares, roughly one-tenth of the total area under cultivation. Investment on irrigation between 1951 and 1972 was more than \$3,360m., and that on flood control and drainage \$348m.

Still, the annual monsoon brings severe floods and much devastation to various parts of the country. Damage caused by floods in the Ganges basin and in the east coast state of Orissa in 1971 was estimated at more than \$850m.

**650 MILLION**

India's population is expected to reach 650 million in March, 1981. To feed an additional 100 million mouths would require 55 million tons of grain, more than the highest recorded harvest of 108 million tons in 1971. If improved farm techniques could provide 43 million tons, the remaining 12 million must come from increased facilities for irrigation. To yield this, eight million hectares more of land will have to be irrigated. Thus the next eight years must bring as much land under irrigation as was done in the previous 20, and this task can be achieved only through an imaginative and bold scheme like the national water grid.

Expert surveys indicate that most of peninsular India does not contain large supplies of groundwater or other forms of underground storage because formations of hard impermeable rock are generally found near the surface. But the Ganges plain can store vast quantities of underground water which could be channelled to the chronically water-scarce regions of South India in addition to the spillover of the monsoon.



Former Argentine President Juan Peron is surrounded by guitarists while his wife, Isabel, accompanied them on the tambourine in a Rome restaurant this week. (AP radiophoto)

## Five Moscow dissidents to face trial

**MOSCOW (Reuters).** — Five men are to face trial here soon for distributing pamphlets criticizing Kremlin leaders and calling for strikes for improved living standards, dissident sources said yesterday.

The five were arrested last summer by the KGB, the Soviet security police, about six weeks after several hundred copies of the crudely duplicated pamphlet were stuffed into Moscowites' letterboxes.

All had confessed to taking part in the operation and the KGB had seized their home-made duplicator, the sources said.

They were understood to face charges of anti-Soviet agitation and propaganda, an offence which carries a maximum sentence for first offenders of seven years in a labour camp followed by exile to a remote area of the Soviet Union for up to five years.

## Soviet Jewish girl said held in mental asylum

**LONDON (Reuters).** — A 14-year-old Soviet Jewish girl who was last autumn granted permission to emigrate to Israel, has been taken forcibly from her home in Moscow and may now be in a Soviet mental institution, a campaigner for the rights of Soviet Jewry said here yesterday.

The campaigner said that earlier today he had been in touch by telephone with Soviet ex-physicist Alexander Temkin over the fate of Mr. Temkin's daughter, Merina.

Mr. Temkin said that last Thursday the headmaster of a special French school where Merina is a pupil had threatened the girl that she was in danger of being sent to a lunatic asylum unless she changed her ideas of emigrating.

On Monday police seized Merina from her father and dragged her out into the cold, although she was clad only in a light dress and had on no coat, stockings, shoes or hat with which to combat the rigours of a Russian winter, Mr. Temkin added.

The physicist, who lost his job when he applied for an emigration visa a year ago, said that after Merina's detention he, too, was taken into custody and held for 12 hours.

Mr. Temkin said he had not been able to find out where his daughter is being detained, but because of the threat assumes that she has been placed in a mental institution.

He told the British campaigner, with whom he has been in regular contact over the last few months, that last October both he and Merina were granted visas to go to Israel. Although divorced from his wife, Mr. Temkin was given custody of Merina, but last autumn he was deprived of this custody. Appeal against this decision is due to be heard today in the Leningrad District Court in Moscow, he added.

**DAUGHTER'S WISH**

He said that when he and Merina went to collect their visas to emigrate they were told that while he could have a visa his daughter could not. Mr. Temkin then insisted that he would not go to Israel without Merina.

He said that Merina had constantly told her friends in the Soviet capital of her wish to go to Israel, and had said the same in letters to Israeli acquaintances.

The British campaigner said that he had never had any trouble in telephoning Mr. Temkin, which he was now doing daily in case the physicist was arrested, but he added that he was sure their line was tapped.

## Slave's daughter dies aged 117

**CHICAGO (AP).** — Mary Guess, born the daughter of a slave four years before the 1851 start of the U.S. civil war, died on Wednesday in a Chicago hospital, aged 117.

Born in Yazoo, Mississippi, Mrs. Guess worked as a servant before moving to Chicago in 1948. She later spent two years in a tuberculosis sanatorium. She had been a nursing home resident since 1963.

## S.A. ENVOY RESIGNS AFTER ANTI-APARTHEID REMARKS

**CAPE TOWN (UPI).** — South Africa's ambassador to Italy, Mr. Blaar Coetzee, resigned yesterday after issuing anti-apartheid statements in a newspaper interview in Rome. Minister of Foreign Affairs Hilgard Muller announced in Parliament.

Mr. Coetzee had asked to be relieved of his post in a telephone conversation and this request had been accepted, Mr. Muller said.

The Ambassador's shock resignation followed a local furor over a newspaper interview, published on Sunday, in which Mr. Coetzee at-

tacked the ban on Coloureds (mulattoes) attending Cape Town's new Nico Malan Theatre.

Mr. Coetzee said the ban "was one of the most shocking things I have come across."

In the course of the dinner interview with a South African journalist, Mr. Coetzee also revealed that he had written fake letters, purporting to be from the killer involved in one of South Africa's most sensational murders, in a move to boost circulation of an Afrikaans magazine he published.

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GOLDA MEIR  
Prime Minister

## SHARING THE BURDEN

by  
Pinchas Sapir  
Minister of Finance

It is indeed a pleasure to welcome this very special group, representing the leading Jewish Communities of the Western World who have come to celebrate our 25th Anniversary with us, witness our accomplishments and hear about our problems. You come at a time when our borders are relatively quiet. It has cost us dearly to achieve and maintain this situation, especially in the years since the Six Day War. While the high costs of defence continue unabated we must, nevertheless, persist in our efforts to solve our social problems. We are also faced

## A COMMON DESTINY

by  
Louis A. Pincus  
Chairman,  
Jewish Agency Executive

As leaders in the Jewish world you have laboured with love and untiring effort in your countries and communities. You have shared with us the often overwhelming difficulties as you have shared with us in the glorious achievements of these past twenty-five years. The task that confronts us in the years ahead is mighty. This challenge summons us to push forward with renewed vigour the ingathering of our people from their spiritual desolation in the Soviet Union, from their physical persecution in Arab lands, from whatever place where

## UNITED RESOLVE UNITED EFFORT

by  
Ezra Z. Shapiro  
World Chairman, Keren Hayesod  
United Israel Appeal

Twenty-five years is but a fraction of time in the life of a people, but at the beginning of a new era, when they are fraught with uncharted opportunities of triumph and recurring threats of disaster, they can assume all the dimensions of an age. In the quarter century now drawing to its close, the Jewish people have experienced both these opportunities and these threats, in its endeavours to re-establish its national identity, of which the State of Israel is the physical embodiment. By and large, it has been a joint

The largest international mission on record of Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal leaders is concluding an intensive 7-day Study Mission to Israel this weekend. The Mission has included briefings by Israel's leaders and visits to a wide variety of locations connected with the absorption of immigrants and the defence of the country. On Sunday, a day before their departure, the visitors are scheduled to meet for a special reception and briefing in the Knesset with the Prime Minister, Mrs. Golda Meir.

## The Jewish Agency —

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**\$3.6 BILLION SPENT ON IMMIGRANT ABSORPTION AND SOCIAL WELFARE SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE**

by  
Moshe Rivlin,  
Director General, Jewish Agency

Few governments can boast the accomplishments of this single Agency — the Jewish Agency for Israel — formed by voluntary association by a dispersed people to help their brethren recreate and consolidate their national existence in an ancient and distant land. There are few precedents, if any, in the history of human affairs for such an undertaking, and for such achievements. For 20 years before Israel's establishment, the Agency was the main instrument in land settlement activities and in creating the infrastructure of the future Jewish State. In the 25 years since then it has:

- helped bring and absorb over 1,500,000 immigrants, including more than 100,000 children through Youth Aliyah
- helped to provide 500,000 housing units for new immigrants
- established and consolidated 500 agricultural settlements
- helped in Israel's expenditures for social welfare, higher education and the initial absorption of immigrants

All this has been accomplished with a total expenditure of \$3,604,300,000 (1948-1972 inclusive) the bulk of which was contributed voluntarily by world Jewry through the United Jewish Appeal (U.J.A.) in the United States and the Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal in 69 other countries throughout the world. The contribution of world Jewry during this period amounted to a staggering \$2,230,500,000, a sum unprecedented in the annals of voluntary giving. Still, it has not been enough to fulfil the ever-growing needs and the Agency has had to spend another \$1.4 billion which it obtained from other sources, such as

German reparations and loans, fact, its debt burden today is heavy one, requiring payments of more than \$200 million annually, should be noted that of the total \$2.2 billion raised since the establishment of the State, \$1.3 billion, some 60%, was contributed since the Six Day War. Two years ago the Jewish Agency was reconstituted to include



MOSHE RIVLIN

leaders of the fund-raising campaign on its Directorate, a move which has further strengthened the bond between the Jews of the Diaspora and those of Israel. Thus, the Jewish Agency today, more than ever before, serves as the great bridge over which they travel together and also as the true representative of Diaspora Jewry in Israel. With such a partnership and such a record we can certainly look forward to Israel's next 25 years with confidence in still greater achievements.

## The Keren Hayesod — United Israel Appeal

Financial Arm of The Jewish People

by  
S. J. Kreutner

Director General, Keren Hayesod, Jerusalem.

"Keren Hayesod — the instrument implementing our national will towards the upbuilding of the country and its settlement."

Chaim Weizmann

The story of the KEREN HAYESOD, the challenges it faced and faces, its activities, achievements and failures, are closely connected with four distinct periods of Zionist, Jewish and Israeli history:

- The era of the 'Jewish National Home' from the time of the Balfour Declaration, 1917, to World War II, 1939;
- World War II and the Holocaust, 1939-1945; and the three following years of the struggle for the Jewish State;
- The first 19 years of the State of Israel, 1948-1967;
- From the Six Day War, 1967, and after;

Keren Hayesod fervently hopes soon to face a fifth period of challenge in Jewish and Israeli history — the era of Peace between Israel and its neighbours.

In each of the four periods mentioned, great parts of the Jewish people in the widespread Diaspora have been in need of a haven of refuge, or desirous of a home in ERETZ YISRAEL. The Jewish population of ERETZ YISRAEL, in contrast to other countries of immigration, has eagerly supported this idea of a haven and home, as the very essence of Zionism, the RAISON D'ETRE of their own presence in the country. Yet in each of the four periods, they were too few in number; they were engaged in fierce battles of survival against enemies determined to uproot them and drive them from the country; they lacked natural resources and capital.

If refuge and home had to be provided it would, of necessity, have to be done for and on behalf of the entire Jewish people; that is, in a joint undertaking by the YISROV, of Israel, and those Jewish communities abroad who could actively assist in providing the required resources for the restoration of the country and for the immigration and integration of those who could come to live in it.

To issue this call for united action, to interpret it and to work for its realization was — and is — the task of the KEREN HAYESOD. This is the purpose of its fund-raising activities all over the world for and on behalf of the Jewish Agency, whose financial arm it is, together with the United Jewish Appeal of the U.S.A.

KEREN HAYESOD has endeavoured to discharge its obligations through the four periods indicated. It is also geared to provide the new and exciting needs inherent in Peace between Israel and its neighbours.

Active in 69 Countries

KEREN HAYESOD is active in 69 territorial communities around the world outside the United States. Its fund-raising activities are directed to approximately 2½ million Jewish souls, or a little over 600,000 Jewish families.

The goal in the year of Israel's 25th Anniversary is to raise at least one-third of the \$470 million Budget of the Jewish Agency for the current fiscal year. The remaining two-thirds will have to be provided by the Jewish community of the United States through the United Jewish Appeal.

KEREN HAYESOD activities cover a huge area and it services a variety of contrasting communities. Large and well-known communities rub shoulders with small and obscure ones. Some are composed of survivors of the Holocaust, others of those who were spared its horrors. Some belong to developed and others to under-developed nations. There are communities in which the KEREN HAYESOD — United Israel Appeal is enjoying income tax concessions or exemption on contributions, but there are many — the



S. J. KREUTNER

in their position of leadership. I know that the words 'fatigue' and 'recess' do not appear in their vocabulary, because the content of their life implies constant effort and fulfillment of duty, which is their highest recompense."

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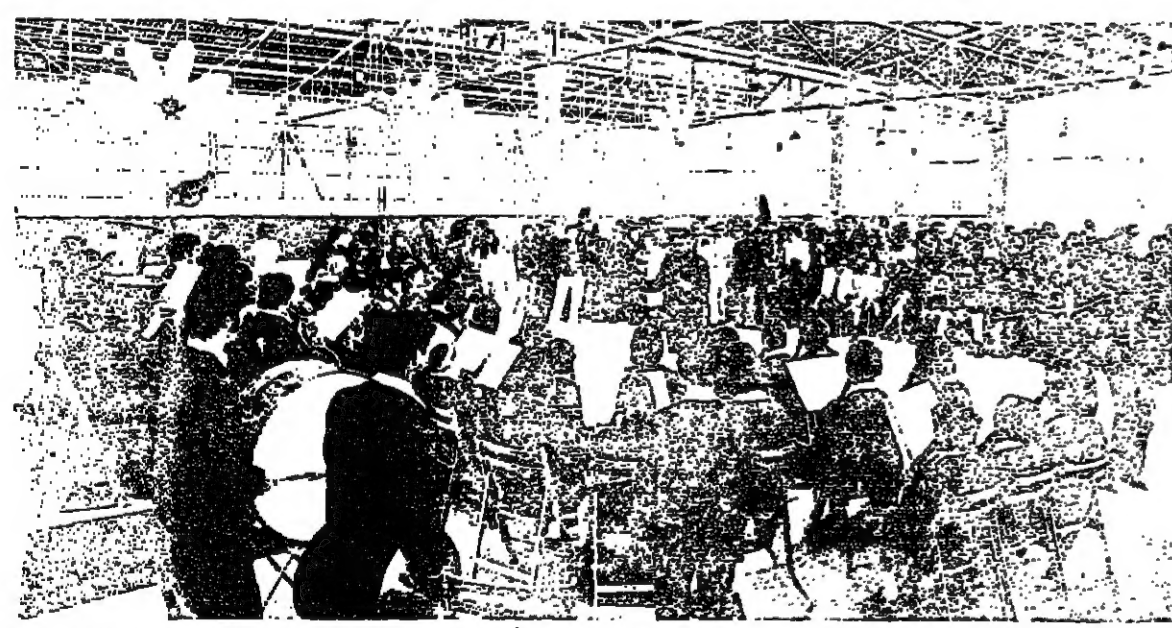
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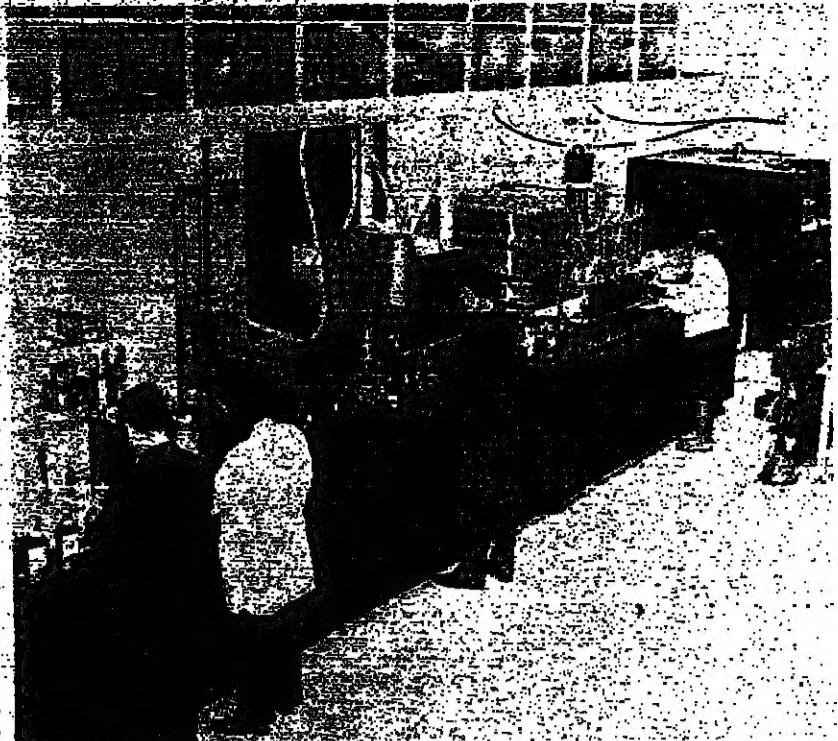
# Gold hits record \$90 in ounce

(Reuters) — The London gold market went wild yesterday with some bullion houses at record levels of \$88 and \$90 an ounce. The price of gold in the free market had shot up \$5.00 since the closing price yesterday night.

Prices were fixed by dealers yesterday morning at \$88 but these prices reflected the heavy buying of gold by the U.S. and other international currencies. There was speculation from all over the world, particularly from France.

The dollar declined sharply yesterday, particularly on the London and Swiss exchanges. The price of gold on the London market rose to \$88.50 from \$83.50 by yesterday afternoon. The price of gold on the Swiss market rose to \$90.00 from \$85.00 by yesterday afternoon.

International currency analysts are becoming increasingly concerned that the dollar continued to fall against the European currencies. The price of gold on the London market rose to \$88.50 from \$83.50 by yesterday afternoon. The price of gold on the Swiss market rose to \$90.00 from \$85.00 by yesterday afternoon.



Whisky comes off the bottling line in Galilee. (Photo Maurice)

## Carmiel plant to market two new brands of whisky

By YAA'COV FREEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — The year-old National Distillers company of Carmiel, West Galilee, is about to release two new brands of whisky. The new brands, "Carmiel" and "Scotch", will be aimed largely at the export market, directors of the company told the press here yesterday.

Bar Kishit will sell at IL25 per bottle (retail) in Israel, and V.I.P. at IL38 (Ascot is now IL25.50 per bottle). All three brands are marketed in 150 bottles (750cc.) and are 40% — they contain 43 per cent alcohol (imported from Scotland) and 57 per cent distilled water. The plant's chemical expert, Dr. Victor Rosenblatt, who gained his whisky experience in Scotland, claims the water is "superior to Scottish water."

Company director Shmuel Ganz said the plant marketed 120,000 bottles of Ascot whisky in Israel during its first year of operation. The whisky flowing from Galilee is distilled from 20 per cent of the growing local whisky market. The company also exported 6,000 bottles to Australia, South America, France and the U.S., where it is sold at 90 cents a fifth (before taxes).

The company expects to raise local sales to 200,000 bottles this year, and export a similar amount. It employs a staff of 12, half of them production workers, and has an installed capacity for a million bottles a year. It will start shipping a profit when production reaches 150,000 bottles, Mr. Ganz said.

The whisky essences, including the neutral grain spirits, are all imported from the Scottish firm of Reid Wright and Holloway. Mr. Ganz claimed that expert tasters had pronounced the Galilee whisky "as good as Scottish whisky" and even "indistinguishable from it," though it is cheaper. To prove his point he treated the press to a taste of Bar Kishit, which — to this near-teetotaler, at least — tasted as smooth and mellow as the better Scotch whiskies.

But, Mr. Ganz complained, the customs authorities "discriminate" against Israeli whisky. He noted that the imported raw material for a bottle of Ascot costs 30 U.S. cents — on which they pay IL13.77 in customs, excise and purchase taxes. On the other hand, imported Scotch, which costs IL25 a bottle before taxes, is taxed at only IL19. "We are actually paying three times more taxes," he said. Furthermore, when the plant started operating, customs paid a 50 per cent order raising the price of Scotch on whisky only IL7.25 to IL16.25 per litre of alcohol. Though the Carmiel plant has since been granted a limited-price reduction of IL3.25 per litre, "we are working at a disadvantage compared to brandy makers, who pay only IL7.25."

Their appeal is now pending. In the meantime, Ascot is sold locally for IL25.50 a bottle, compared to IL29 a bottle for imported Scotch. The Union of Scottish Whisky Distillers has asked the Jerusalem courts to restrain Ascot as a "Scotch" whisky, but Mr. Ganz noted that they had filed similar suits in many other countries. The Carmiel label has changed its Ascot label to read "Bottled and Bottled by National Distillers Ltd. in Association with Reid Wright and Holloway," which he hopes will satisfy the Scots. Mr. Ganz expects the Scottish union to grant its approval for V.I.P. to be marketed as Scotch whisky.

# EUROPE FAILS TO STEM INFLATION

By DAVID HAWORTH  
BRUSSELS (Ofns). — Inflation in the Common Market countries last year averaged six per cent, and some economists predict it may be as much as eight per cent during the next 12 months. In the circumstances, the joint anti-inflation campaign the nine European Economic Community members have agreed to undertake does not look effective.

European inflation is nearly twice that of America's: in West Germany it is over six per cent, in France food prices jumped in only one month by 1.4 per cent, while Britain and the Netherlands boast the highest inflation rates — 6.6 per cent and 7.2 per cent respectively.

Moreover, Britain, Italy and Ireland are each shortly to experience the inflationary effect of the introduction of Value Added Tax which could in the long term jack prices up by two or even three per cent.

The fact that the nine-nation European Community has formally committed itself to reducing the rate of price increases this year to a mere four per cent, and called inflation control a "top priority objective," is little comfort to the average consumer in the Community for whom the workings of the EEC are in any case remote and to a large extent meaningless.

What used to be known on the continent as the "English disease" — inflationary wage settlements of up to 20 per cent as a result of trade union militancy — is frequent enough now in the EEC to cause little comment.

Apart from agreeing to a common declaration against inflation, German Finance Minister has suggested that the EEC should lower tariffs on goods imported by the Common Market — which would cut their cost in the shops. The British have given notice in the Common Market capital that in their view the consumer interest will have to be taken into account when the farm price rises are negotiated, and not just the producers' demands.

Only four of the European Community's present staff currently devote themselves to consumer questions. This situation will soon change because consumer groups in Britain, Ireland and Denmark are stronger than those in the six EEC founding countries. Their aim is to see that the Common Market headquarters becomes much more sensitive to consumer and cost-of-living questions than in the past.

The shadow boxing has already begun: the Common Market's farming organization presented the European Commission last week with its case for higher prices to agricultural producers. They are demanding an average of 7.5 per cent. The European Commission replied that the most it could recommend was an average of three per cent. So there is bound to be tough bargaining ahead. The farm price fixing gives the EEC and farm ministers of the Nine an ideal opportunity to keep inflation down — though perhaps at the expense of alienating a politically volatile section of the population.

Anticipating arguments about inflation, the EEC farmers insist that the direct effect of higher farm prices will have an almost insignificant effect on the price of food to the consumer, but this is not a view shared by Common Market Finance Ministers.

Stepping down demands for farm price increases will not be enough to counter European inflation. The German Finance Minister has suggested that the EEC should lower tariffs on goods imported by the Common Market — which would cut their cost in the shops. The British have given notice in the Common Market capital that in their view the consumer interest will have to be taken into account when the farm price rises are negotiated, and not just the producers' demands.

## Egypt to open Suez land route

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt is opening up a land route, parallel to the Suez Canal to facilitate trade between Europe and ports served by the Red Sea, it was announced yesterday.

Transport buildings for the line, from Alexandria to Al Adabia port on the Red Sea already amount to \$2.4m. this year, concentrating on trade between Europe and Red Sea ports, as well as Somalia and Arabian Gulf. Some 50,000 live sheep and 100,000 tons of bananas will be shipped annually from Somalia to Europe, according to press reports.

Samar Fahmy, in charge of the line, said there is particular interest among Italian shipping and commercial groups who do a lot of trade with Somalia and must otherwise send their ships around the continent of Africa, due to the closure of the Suez Canal.

## Communist bloc steps in to aid Chile

By ARTHUR GOLDEN  
SANTIAGO, Chile (UPI). — The Soviet Union, China and other Communist-bloc nations are coming to the rescue of Chile, which is facing the worst balance of payments crisis in its history.

In the last three months, Chile's left-wing government has signed trade and credit agreements for more than \$200m. with Marxist countries of Europe and Asia.

The records range from a \$48m. interest-free credit from China to a \$5m. technical assistance grant from North Korea, the Pyongyang Government's first in Latin America.

Most analysts agree that the Communist bloc economic interest in Chile has a bigger dollar value than any other Latin American nation except Cuba. The University of Chile Economics Department said recently that the \$381m. payments deficit last year "represents a disequilibrium of a magnitude never before reached in Chilean foreign commerce."

The university predicted that this year's trade deficit would soar to at least \$450m., making it "one of the Government's gravest problems."

Chile enjoyed a \$91m. balance of payments surplus at the end of 1970, two months after the inauguration of Socialist President Salvador Allende, the university said.

Allende has attributed the crisis to a decline in the world price of copper, Chile's main export, and to "economic aggression" by multinational corporations.

Foreign Minister Clodomiro Almeyda visited Peking early this month to sign the \$48m. credit, under which Chinese technicians will help construct Chilean industries. The credit will be repaid in 10 years, with a 10-year grace period.

Equally important to Chile, the Peking regime agreed to pay immediately in hard currency for increased shipments of Chilean copper. Almeyda said China would become Chile's third largest customer for the metal.

1,046 B.A. DEGREES were awarded by the Hebrew University's Humanities Faculty in a ceremony at Binyamin Ha'orom yesterday. An increase of 236 over last year. Two of the recipients graduated magna cum laude, and 64 cum laude.

## Britain wants low citrus tariff

By YAA'COV FREEDLER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

— Britain will work to with Israel in its efforts to reduce the Common Market citrus tariff on Israeli citrus, the Ambassador, Mr. Bernard G. Britain wants the tariff to be the same low level that is in his country before the Market in January.

British are used to Israeli lemons and grapefruit and want to go on enjoying them at the same low price. "We therefore have a common interest in this matter," he said at a reception for him and Mrs. Ledwith given by the Haifa Branch of the Israel British Commonwealth Association, at the Sheraton Hotel.

The Ambassador expressed his belief that Israel's negotiations on its industrial exports to the Market would also yield good results. "The negotiations will be tough, but I believe the results will be better than you may fear now," he said.

## Stock prices lower

YORK (AP). — For the consecutive day, stock market were generally lower yesterday, though blue-chip issues picked in afternoon trading. Volume moderate.

Issues on the New York exchange had a lead of about 100 points. Earlier the Dow Jones average had been more than 200 points higher. The Dow Jones average closed at 971.78, on top of a loss of 22.25 points on Wednesday.

The New York stock exchange index finished at 61.51 off 1.18. Turnover was 14.57 million shares, compared with 14.88 million on Wednesday.

The most-active issue, Celanese, was unchanged at 31 1/2, with most of the trading in a block of 24,900 shares that sold at 30 1/2. Magnavox, whose earnings disappointed some analysts, dropped 1 1/2 to 17 1/4 as the second most-active stock.

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# THE PUZZLING 15 MINUTES

THE circumstances leading to the forced crash landing of the Libyan jetliner Wednesday and the great loss of life which resulted became clearer yesterday.

But a basic puzzle remained — namely, the strange behaviour of the Libyan plane's pilot. It is still not known how an aircraft on its way from Benghazi to Cairo could have strayed so far off course. Moreover there is, and was during the critical moments Wednesday, profound wonder that the plane was permitted to fly over Egypt's missile network west of the Suez Gulf without either being shot down or warned off.

Suspensions were heightened when the pilot refused over a period of a quarter of an hour to heed the various kinds of signals and warnings demanding that he land the plane and be identified.

To make sure that he understood the seriousness of Israel's demands, the intercepting pilots flew within just a few metres of his window — and exchanged hand signals. There were warning shots. At one point the Libyan aircraft's pilot even lowered his landing wheels, but then changed course and veered back in the direction of the Canal.

The operative conclusion was that this was an enemy plane, permitted to cross over from enemy territory, taking great risks to do whatever it set out to do.

This was the circumstance in which the decision to cripple the plane and force it to land this side of the Canal was taken. The end was an unanticipated tragedy.

Perhaps more will become

known about the reasons for the pilot's actions when the Libyan co-pilot, hospitalised in Beersheba, recovers sufficiently to tell his story.

Meanwhile the Egyptian Government is active in spreading its own version designed to embarrass Israel in world public opinion.

It would be more useful if instead of trying to reap advantage from this disaster Egypt would finally recognize the need for some cooperation in the control of the airspace over our two countries in order to prevent such tragedies from happening.

There will, of course, also be those abroad who, while perhaps not accepting completely the Egyptian version of the events, will nevertheless be prepared to see intent in Israel's action.

The only answer to such attempts to accuse or suspect Israel of deliberately downing a civilian plane filled with passengers is to let the facts of the 15 critical minutes speak for themselves.

There are conventions, and rules in the business of flying and in international air traffic. They apply when the flight pattern is normal, they apply when pilots find themselves in difficulties, and they apply to the state involved. This is the context in which Wednesday's tragedy must be understood.

This of course can be no comfort when considering the loss of life. But it is the only perspective for all those, whether in our region or farther afield, who wish to apply reason rather than demagoguery to the tragedy.

## Dry Bones



## ISRAEL PRESS LIBYAN AIRLINER

Davar (Histadrut) comments on the forcing down of the Libyan airliner: "The loss of life of scores of passengers causes deep regret in the hearts of Israel's citizens and Government. The tragedy could have been averted had the persons in charge of the plane responded to the calls transmitted to them in accordance with accepted international procedure."

Haaretz (non-party) writes: "The tragedy is regrettable but was unavoidable, since the pilot did not respond to the warnings issued in accordance with every practice customary in international air traffic. The flight direction raised the suspicion that the aircraft was aiming at some hostile act. There was no way of ascertaining whether or not it was a decoy plane."

Al Hamishmar (Mapam) also stresses that the Israeli action was in accordance with accepted international practice, especially since the plane belonged to a hostile country. The paper calls for a thorough investigation, so as to be able to

## FOREIGN PRESS

### World reacts with shock

The world's press reacted yesterday with shock and anger at Wednesday's downing of the Libyan Boeing 727 jet.

The London "Times" said, "Yesterday's bringing down of a Libyan airline by Israel is not just another unfortunate accident of war. This was at the least a reckless act of killing of civilians, and as such inexcusable, even if, in contrast to the murders of which Israel has been the victim, it was not wholly premeditated."

The "Daily Telegraph" said that although Israel "acted brutally in forcing down a Libyan airliner with the loss of at least 70 lives," much can be said in extenuation. "The captain, presumably acting on strict explicit or general instructions from the Libyan government, was offering extreme provocation and deliberately courting disaster."

The Soviet news agency said the incident represented a "dangerous escalation of brigandage in the Middle East."

The agency also accused "American imperialist circles" of inciting Israel to "new crimes and new acts of aggression," by giving the Jewish state military, economic and political support. Soviet commentators con-

AS you listen to Health Minister Victor Shemtov map out the way — if that is a strong enough term — future of medicine in Israel you fancy yourself already in Paradise where, strictly speaking, you should get only after medicine has done its worst and you are beyond its aid. I found myself more impressed by a constant thread running through the debate that followed his statement on the Ministry to the effect that our spectacular achievement in some of the main medical centres were all very fine, but that we failed largely to give reasonable standards of service to the general public and failed altogether in the field of preventive medicine.

Mr. Shemtov is a Mepai man and in the past has always shown a close and genuine concern for the common Israeli. Here would be an opportunity to put these principles into practice. We do not have to go down all the way to the barefoot doctors of China, but it is a fact that a competent trained nurse in a distant village makes all the difference between despair and confidence in a medical emergency.

The new medical school at the University of the Negev, which Mr. Shemtov supports warmly, is to train family doctors again. Unless they find a dean who can make them feel that this is the ultimate aim of the whole profession, the bright students will all stay in their fascinating laboratories, leaving the no less fascinating humans to bear their aches and disabilities with whatever fortitude they can muster.

### Novel thought

Haikie Grossman (Alignment-Mapam) put it very well in a single sentence: "The doctors should remember that medicine has no right of independent existence apart from the patients." This would surely be a novel thought for most of the brighter medical students, who look upon their subject as a purely theoretical subject on a par with nuclear physics, say, which can of course be applied

by the engineering boys, but is much more interesting when it is kept in the abstract realm of Einstein's scrap of paper and stub of pencil.

WHAT did Deputy Premier Yigal Allon say to the four newspapermen? On the record or off the record? The published version sounded rather gimmicky, with enough sovereignty for a flag over the Dome of the Rock. That might not matter so much if the Dome did not happen to stand right in the middle of the Temple Mount, which is so holy that orthodox Jews are forbidden to walk on it lest they unwittingly enter the area of the original Holy of Holies, whose precise location is not known to us. This leaves us tied to the Moslems in a way that can only be made tolerable by peace and cooperation.

And what did whoever said it have in mind when he suggested the possibility of an approach road on stilts as an extraterritorial approach from Jordanian territory? Jordanian territory where? On the outskirts of the city, within shooting distance? Or many miles of this road on stilts? Whether it was said at all or not, the whole suggestion obviously belongs in the realm of the kind of idle speculation that persons in high office should avoid like the plague.

The position was obviously embarrassing for Mr. Allon. Two of the four newsmen stood by their story that the statement had been made, while the other two did not: it had been made "off the record" and should not have been published, than that the other two had invented it. Thus Mr. Allon both denied it vigorously in reply to Mr. Yigal's motion for the agenda accusing him of selling us out, and at the end of his over-long explanation came round to arguing, more or less, that it would not be such a bad idea to give Jordan special rights over the Moslem holy places.

Justice Minister Ya'akov Shimshon Shapira came in for the session, as though to give

Mr. Allon moral support, as the rest of the Cabinet table was empty. When Mr. Begin inveighed dramatically, as usual, against the very idea of a foreign flag fluttering in Jerusalem's sacred precincts, Mr. Shapira interrupted to say, half-jokingly "but you don't mind if it flutters over a foreign embassy?" You can't stop Mr. Begin when he once gets going, but of course there is nothing we like better than to see foreign flags flutter extra-territorially over embassies in Jerusalem, for they are visible evidence of some state's recognition of Jerusalem as our Capital.

**Packish sprite**

When the motion had been voted down Mr. Uri Avneri (Olam Hazeq) got up to speak on behalf of those who had abstained in the vote. With his longish mop of thick grey hair and longer, thicker beard and moustache, there is less and less of his face still visible. We had a momentary illusion of some Punkish woodland sprite, the kind that ventures out of the forest only to sour the farmer's wife's milk, or let the chickens out of the coop before he withdraws again to turn back into a gnarled tree stump, or some such part of a different earlier world.

He confines himself nowadays to making very minor trouble wherever opportunity offers. Moshe Dayan had once suggested that the mosque might go back to Jordan, he said. This set off a rumpus, and left Mr. Avneri grinning delightedly. In any case, even if Mr. Allon had not said whatever it was, he should have done so. If there were agreement on everything else with the Jordanians and the flag was the sticking point, would Mr. Allon reject peace over it?

The sprites, goblins and all their ilk have left us, driven out, as every one should know, by the intimate contact with Cold Iron. Even Mr. Avneri should return to the world of reality if he does not want all the members to get up and troop out the minute he opens his mouth, as they did on this occasion.

## Readers letters

### THE CHURCH AND 'JEWS FOR JESUS'

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Many of us who are deeply concerned with the need for greater brotherhood and understanding between Jews and Christians were grateful for the sound wisdom of so much of your editorial "Church and Conversion" (February 18). The fervour of impetuous Christians and the furore of impetuous Jews, whatever their right or wrong convictions may be, should not be allowed to dictate the relations of Israel to Christians, or vice versa.

In my opinion, it is unfortunate that many Christian groups think of their representatives in Israel as "missionaries," even if it is true, as history teaches us, that this title and the practice of proselytism are firmly rooted in the Jewish thought and practice of the Second Temple period. The word "missionary" is the Latin equivalent of the ancient Hebrew word "shaliah" or "meshulach" and Christians took over the idea of proselytism (gilyur) from their Jewish ancestors, but for many years the term "missionary" has been equated with the Christian functionary whose task it has been to bring education, healing, and the Bible to pagan societies.

In this sense no Christian can be a missionary to Jews. Jews are not pagans. Rather, as Maimonides insisted, Christianity's missionary activity is to bring the pagan peoples to Israel's God. A much greater danger for Israel than overzealous young Christians, Jewish or non-Jewish, is the danger that Christians will reject their Jewish heritage. Many so-called Christians in Hitler's Reich attempted to expunge every reference in the New Testament to Jews and anything that even "sounded Jewish" in Christian history.

Israelis need to be reminded that the "Jews for Jesus" pose a challenge for the structured Christian churches no less than they do for many Jews. What these young people are saying is that Jews need no longer join a Christian church in order to take Jesus seriously. This is a slap in the face of organized Christianity fully as much as it is an annoyance to Jews who cannot imagine a Jewishness with Jesus in it.

The real question may well be: will these un-Jewish Jews be rejected out of hand by official Israel as easily as they remain unchanted and uninterested in a Christian church which has largely lost its Jewish moorings? If so they may end up in the arms of what your writer has called the "small evangelical denominations which make it their main aim to 'save the Jews,'" or as a new Jewish denomination standing somewhere between official Christianity and official Judaism.

Surely we Jews and Christians need to be reminded again that we "share a common future whether we like it or not," as Professor Littell has recently put it. Maybe the "Jews for Jesus" will make it clear to us both.

E. L. LINDSEY,  
Chairman, Baptist Convention in Israel  
Jerusalem, February 19.

**Editor's Note:** — Whatever the etymology of the word "missionary," the fact is that in recent times it has had a broader connotation embracing also the conversion of Jews to Christianity, and institutions calling themselves "mission to the Jews" came into existence a century or more ago. And if there is considerable evidence of pagans converting to Judaism in the Second Temple and Talmudic periods, as well as of their general not unambiguous acceptance by the masses and the Rabbis, there is really no strong evidence of active missionizing by the Jews of the time.

### Christian supporters of Zionism

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Manfred Lehmann's letter from New York (February 16) suggests that anyone believing in the New Testament must "totally rule out the existence of a reborn Jewish state," for which he cites several proof texts.

Why is Mr. Lehmann, as an Orthodox Jew, so quick to decide what are "basic Christian tenets" in the case of any number of Christians who have publicly spoken and acted contrary to his thesis? It is common knowledge that there has been a stream of committed, believing Christians who have supported the Jewish return to Zion on Biblical grounds, which did not require a repudiation of the New Testament. Herzl, Weizmann, and other Jewish leaders were in close contact with many such people.

The writer is personally familiar with Christians who do not think that "the synagogue of Satan" refers to "any assembly of Jews," or that "Jerusalem only exists in heaven," etc. Many have worked for Israel, spent time in kibbutzim, and in other ways demonstrated their Biblical convictions. They are in a better position to determine what are "basic tenets."

MANFRED BEN HAIM  
Eilat, February 16.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In his letter in your issue of February 16, Mr. Manfred R. Lehmann ventures to uncover foundations of Christian prejudice against the Jewish State.

He quotes chapter and verse. I checked his quotations and found them as distorted as anti-Semitic quotations of the Talmud.

What purpose is served by these spurious quotations? Let us be fair!

Dr. BEEV NOYMAN

### Information please

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — I served in pre-war Palestine, in 1938/39, as a soldier in the British Army. I have just retired after 36 years' service. During the 1938/39 period, I was with the Special Night Service under the then Major Wingate, and the present General Moshe Dayan was also a serving member whom I knew and respected.

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Although it is such a long time ago, would it be at all possible for your paper to check for me as to what happened to that young man? Did he recover and is he still in Israel? If it were feasible, I would love dearly to see him again.

JOHN KELLY  
London, January 28.

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